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1 p.m. Observations: Barometric pressure, 10.17.7 mbs., 30.05 in.  
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## Ministers Named In Scandal

### Attlee Announces Judicial Inquiry

London, Oct. 27. — The House of Commons today decided to set up a judicial tribunal to inquire into allegations of irregularities which may involve Ministers or other public servants.

The House of Commons unanimously approved a Government motion proposing this action.

Mr Clement Attlee, Prime Minister, said that there would be the "fullest and most searching inquiry."

Moving the motion, Mr Attlee said that last August the President of the Board of Trade, Mr Harold Wilson, was informed by officials of the Board of allegations that the Parliamentary Secretary Mr John Belcher, and other Ministers and officials had been offered, or had received, bribes in respect of prosecution against a certain firm of football pool promoters and of allocation of paper to the same firm.

It was agreed that the Lord Chancellor should be asked to inquire into the allegations.

Mr Attlee said the police began inquiries on their own initiative when they received information about suggestions that a licence to import amusement machines could be obtained by bribing Ministers or officials.

### ALIEN'S ACTIVITIES

During the inquiries two other matters were raised—the flotation of a public company and a proposed application for a building licence. All these allegations, Mr Attlee said, could be traced to the activities of "a certain alien."

After further consultation it had been decided to refer the whole matter to a tribunal of inquiry. The tribunal would be presided over by a judge who would have all the powers of the High Court to force the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents.

Mr Attlee said the report would be in the course of time be laid before Parliament.

Mr Winston Churchill said, amid cheers, that the Opposition had confidence in the course which the Government proposed.

It awaited the results of the inquiry "with good hopes that it will completely vindicate the honour and reputation of individuals and of not individuals, at least of the system by which we carry on our Government," Mr Churchill said.—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

## A Dream Coming True

COMPLETION of the export-import programme of the European Economic Co-operation Organisation for the year ending June, 1949, has created something less than a flutter, yet it represents one of the most significant moves towards the post-war recovery of Europe. The programme was foreshadowed as far back as June, 1947, but its implications were hardly comprehended at the time. The Marshall Plan, in fact, invited scepticism and doubt from the moment it was proposed, and since then it has aroused the open hostility of Russia and her friends. The first concrete advance towards fulfilment of the Plan was agreement by 16 European nations to participate and the production of their reports outlining a common recovery plan and indicating points at which American assistance could be applied. These reports performed the instantaneous service of linking the recovery efforts of the countries of Western Europe and convincing the American Congress and people that practical content could be given to what was in origin nothing but a bold act of faith. The full significance of the Marshall Plan has still to be appreciated. There is no precedent for extensive and co-constructive a participation by the United States in the affairs of Europe; there is, equally, no precedent for so comprehensive a plan for European countries. Consequently, each state of

progress must be marked by new, practical adjustments to test the effectiveness of the changes made and to prepare ground for the next move. And it is not unduly cynical to recognize that the process comes out from one of the keenest and most readily understood tests—that of actual monetary sacrifice. Unquestionable proof that the Americans were in earnest came with the decision to transfer goods to the value of US\$4,875,000,000 in a single year. And corresponding proof that the countries of Western Europe meant business came with the Payments Agreement concluded this month. This agreement is not spectacular in appearance, but it carries a moral of its own, for it requires fundamental reorientation for the Western European countries, after centuries of independent national action, and at a time when each of them is deeply absorbed in its own reconstruction problems to agree to vast transfers of resources among themselves directed at the achievement of economic aims which are not national at all, but international. The aim of the Marshall Plan, as envisaged by the American sponsors, is European self-help. The Payments Agreement is European self-help in practice. If the achievement of the past few months can be maintained then the chance that by 1952 Western Europe will have become self-sufficient and able to throw away the grip of Marshall Aid is very bright indeed.

## Police Chiefs To Meet?

Canton, Oct. 28.—A meeting of the police chiefs of Hongkong, Canton and Macao may take place next month, according to local Chinese sources. Main subject of discussion, it is believed, will be anti-smuggling co-operation to assist the Customs authorities.

General Li Ti-han, Canton's Superintendent of Police, has denied local press reports that he has been instructed by the Governor, Dr T. Y. S. Soong, to go to Hongkong to discuss some details about the Sino-British anti-smuggling pact. He has, however, neither denied nor confirmed the reported pending three-part police talks.—Reuter.

## China Is In Grave Peril

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 27.—China is "in grave peril," Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York said last night. He promised if elected President of the United States to "renew and strengthen our momentary ties of friendship with this great warlike ally."

The Republican Presidential candidate gave no hint of how he plans to carry out the promise.

He has made a similar pledge in other speeches. He has called China "aid insufficient and said it must be increased, but in no case has he gone into details.

In a major campaign address last night he devoted one paragraph to China—between discussing Europe and Latin America. The text of Mr Dewey's China remarks:

"It serves no purpose now to recall the tragic neglect of our wartime Chinese allies who engaged a million and a quarter Japanese troops while we fought our way back from Australia to Japan. It is very late and all China is in grave peril. We will renew and strengthen our ancient ties of friendship with this great warlike ally."

Mr Dewey also attacked the manner in which the Truman administration has handled all foreign policy.

"This problem of securing the peace must be handled much better than it has been handled in the past," he said.

Mr Dewey also again lashed at territorial expansion of the Soviet Union, saying:

"In a little more than three years the Soviet has extended its sway nearly half way around the world and now rules more than 500,000,000 human beings."

He called that expansion "a threat to peace."—Associated Press.

### FRAGILE NEGLECT

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## Another Offer To Solve Berlin Problem

### SETTLEMENT OUTSIDE OF UN SUGGESTED

## Dr Bramuglia Abandons Conciliation Plans

Paris, Oct. 27.—The United States, Britain, and France, late today offered Russia a chance to settle the Berlin crisis outside the United Nations.

In an extraordinary communique, the three West Foreign Ministers proposed that the settlement formula which Russia vetoed in the Security Council on Monday, still could be used as a basis for settlement outside the United Nations.

The communique implied this latest development and offer of the West, but a spokesman for the big three later confirmed that that was its meaning. It was much the same offer that Dr Philip Jessup, American delegate, made on Monday after Russia announced it would veto the resolution.

The offer is that the West is ready to do business with the Russians on the basis of that formula if the Russians really want a settlement of the Berlin crisis.

The communique was carefully worded, but the spokesman confirmed later that it had made these points aimed directly at the Kremlin.

1. The West will settle the Berlin crisis outside the United Nations provided the Russians will accept the vetoed formula.

2. The West has no immediate intention of taking the case to the General Assembly. It remains before the Council.

3. The West will not hesitate to revive the case in the Council if the Russians intensify the blockade or take other action in Berlin which makes the current situation more dangerous.

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the formula outside the United Nations as a way to settle the Berlin crisis. The three Ministers announced that they spent the afternoon studying the "situation produced by the Soviet veto."

**STILL ON AGENDA**

After announcing their continued willingness to operate on the basis of the resolution, the three Ministers pointed out that the Berlin question is still on the Security Council agenda. This was a direct reference to the fact that the three Western Powers have decided for the moment, at least, not to take the case to the General Assembly.

Although the three Ministers in effect formally confirmed their previous statements indicating their willingness to settle outside the United Nations, they warned that the "three Governments were ready to continue to fulfil their obligations and discharge their responsibilities as members of a body which is still in a position to consider any developments in the situation."

This last was certainly a warning to the Soviet Union to avoid taking action in Berlin that could worsen the already critical situation. If such occurs it seemed almost certain that the three would return to the Council for further steps.

The Budget Committee approved the report on the contributions with Argentina, Egypt, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, and Yugoslavia abstaining on the report's conclusions.

The proposed scale of assessment, however, was adopted unanimously. The Argentine assessment is 1.95 per cent of the total; Bolivia, 0.08 per cent; Brazil, 1.85 per cent; Chile, 0.45 per cent; Colombia, 0.37 per cent; Mexico, 0.63 per cent; Paraguay, 0.04 per cent; Peru, 0.20 per cent; Uruguay, 0.13 per cent; and Venezuela, 0.27 per cent.—United Press.

## NO MORE CONCILIATION

Paris, October, 27. — Dr Juan Bramuglia of Argentina abandoned plans to resume conciliation efforts in the Berlin case, delegation quarters said today.

Dr Bramuglia's mediation remained limited to a period during which he acted as Chairman of the Security Council on the Berlin case, sources added.

Argentina would however participate in any further conciliation efforts by the neutral member states of the Council.

Dr Bramuglia and the delegation members maintain that the Berlin solution will be found on a conciliatory basis. They still feel that the neutral power formula voted by Russia offers a basis for settlement.

Dr Bramuglia, who is preparing a tour of the European capitals, is planning a series of diplomatic talks in Paris prior to his departure arranged early next month.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

The Latin American countries decided at a meeting last night to send a message of appreciation and congratulation to both Dr Bramuglia and Colombia's Dr Roberto Urdaneta Arbelaez—the other Latin American representative on the Security Council—for their work in the Berlin conciliation effort.

The group also agreed to nominate Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, Cuba and Panama in the forthcoming election to the United Nations Legal Commission.

The Latin American group has not yet discussed the general political issues with a view to lining up a solid front. Spain and Palestine were among the issues which divided the group. On the questions of veto and the Italian colonies, there are minor differences. In the Economic Committee, the United States today suggested that the Economic and Social Council should have a "full-fledged and well-balanced" debate on the industrialization of under developed countries. Latin American quarters showed great interest in the United States

## A Policy Of Defeatism

London, Oct. 27.—Mr John Paton, Labour Member, today accused Ministers responsible for foreign affairs of "getting into an attitude of defeatism" in the Far East.

"Our policies appear to have taken the line of a passive acquiescence in the dominating policy put forward by the United States," he told the House of Commons.

After saying that Japanese textile exports flooded the world before the war, Mr Paton urged the governments concerned to work out what industries Japan must have to ensure stability and a reasonable standard of life.

It would be the "worst possible treason to the things for which we fought if we built up Japan to make her again a menace and peril to her own neighbours in the Pacific," he said.

"If we proceeded on the lines of giving Japan a free hand in industrial development, if we fell for the American idea in Japan of free enterprise, unfettered and unchecked, all we would get would be a Japan emerging in a short space of time with conditions which would make her people a ripe plum ready to fall into the mouth of the Cominform."—Reuter.

## British Threat Of Sanctions

Paris, Oct. 27.—Britain threatened tonight to propose sanctions against anyone defying UN authority in Palestine.

This was after Israel rejected an order of the Acting Mediator, Dr Ralph Bunche, to withdraw her forces from positions occupied during a week of fighting with the Egyptians in the Negev. The Israeli reply said the Security Council's order for a cease fire provided only for negotiations on a withdrawal and was not an order.

A British spokesman said his delegation was studying the possibility of invoking sanctions with the aim of forcing dissidents to obey orders of the UN Truce Administration.—Associated Press.

**Revolt Crushed**

Seoul, Oct. 27.—The abortive radical led Korean rebellion was crushed one week after it started with the recapture of Yosu yesterday by loyalist forces.

An eyewitness yesterday reported after flying over Yosu that one fourth of the seaport city with a population of 7,000 has been destroyed by fire.

The signal that all major resistance was crushed came from a government cutter which sent a message.

"Yosu is ours. Prisoners have not been counted. Contact with friendly troops is good."—Associated Press.

**FOREIGNERS ARRESTED**

Paris, Oct. 27. — The French Ministry of the Interior announced tonight that the expulsion proceedings have been taken against 52 foreign workers arrested during demonstrations since the coal strike began over three weeks ago.

Issuing a warning to foreign workers taking part in such demonstrations, the Ministry said that the figure of 52 did not include the large number of foreigners who have been arrested and will come before the courts.

The announcement added: "The Ministry of the Interior points out that France remains receptive to workers or refugees on condition that they abstain from all participation in acts which are harmful to the public order."

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The statement said that these demands would be a condition of any agreement with the Government.—Reuter.

## MINERS' TRAIN DERAILED

### French Government Charges Sabotage

Paris, Oct. 27.—A train carrying miners in the vanguard of a back-to-work movement in the French coal strike was derailed today near Marseilles and the government charged sabotage.

The derailment apparently caused no casualties but it held up traffic for five hours. It came after the Communists threatened to organise a general sitdown strike in Northern French mines in support of the paralyzing coal strike which has dealt a heavy blow to French recovery.

The government has been stressing a back-to-work movement and the trainload of miners in the Marseilles area was part of this programme.

The government said spikes were pulled out of tracks in a tunnel 10 miles East of Marseilles. The locomotive, tender and first car left the rails.

### BACK TO WORK

The Interior Ministry said that in the Lorraine fields, second biggest in France 13,500 employees reported for work today. This is more than 60 percent of the total force there and 10 percent more than the number showing up yesterday.

However, more than 300,000 other miners still are out. The stoppage, has cost France some 170,000 tons of coal each day.

Pickets of the Communist dominated General Confederation of Labour (CGT) still occupied a big majority of the pitsides, except in Lorraine, where police took over early in the strike. Elsewhere the occupation by troops and police went forward slowly. The Pigeon mine in the turbulent St. Etienne district, one of the biggest and most modern in France, was taken over without incident.—Associated Press.

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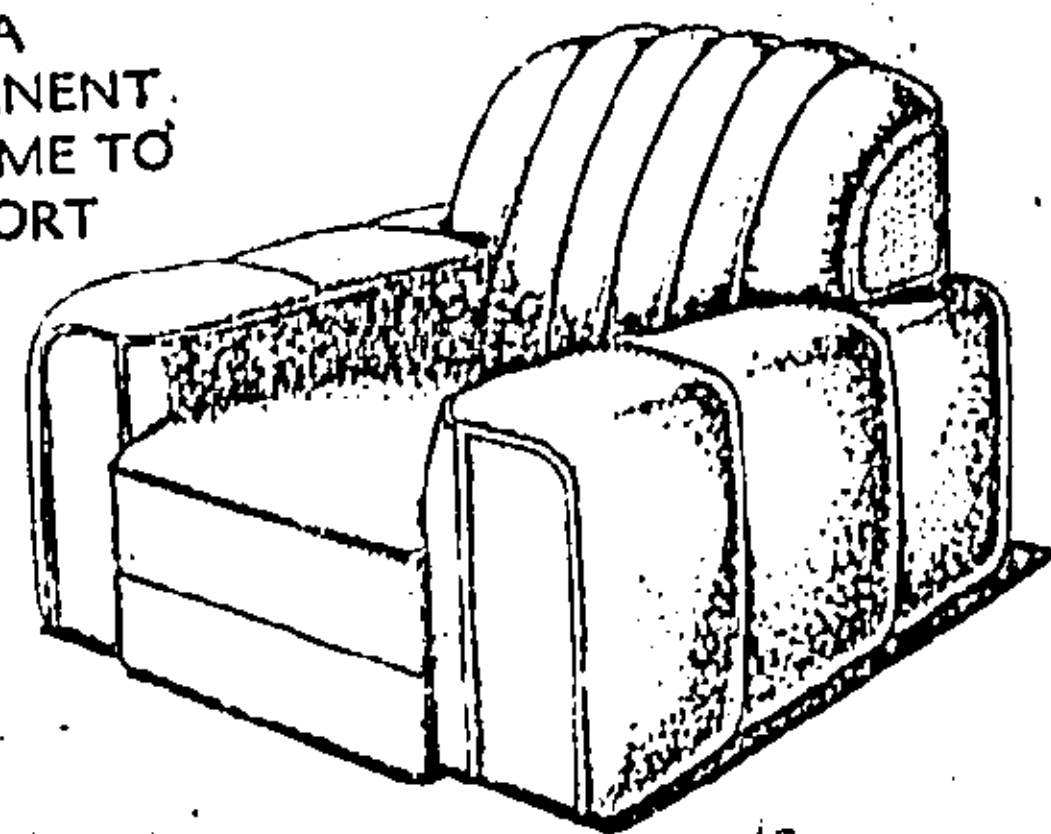
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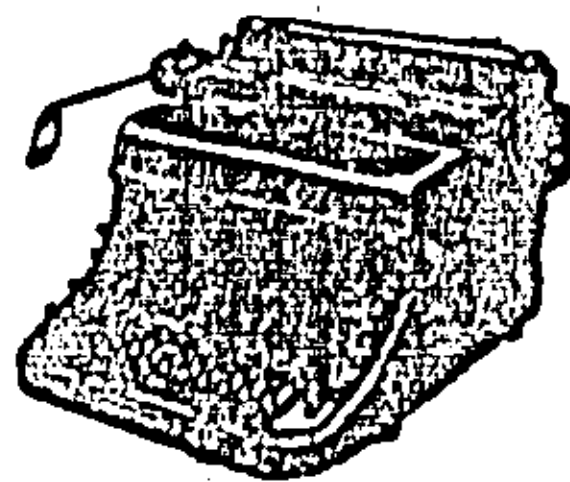
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# WOMANSENSE

## FIRST PARACHUTE NURSES ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS

FIVE young women parachuted today from a Dakota 800ft. above the Oxfordshire fields. Four of them were Britain's first para-nurses, the fifth a WAAF officer jumping "for the fun of it."

Though several women made parachute jumps into enemy-held territory during the war, the five girls are the first to go through the normal course of the RAF Parachute Training School—the course that paratroops take.

The nurses are members of Princess Mary's RAF Nursing Service.

The women were Sister Joan Maffey, 32, of Kingshurst Road, Lee; Sister Molly Savage, of Fulford Road, York; Sister Marjorie Bradley, of Omagh, Co. Tyrone; Sister O. E. N. Craig, of Belfast; and Section Officer Penfold, 28, first WAAF officer to become a fully qualified parachutist.

Here are some of the things that were said after the exercise:

Flying Officer Ray Clarke, who has made 101 parachute jumps, and trained the girls commented: "They sit quietly in the airplane before parachuting—very differently from the men, who sit and jabber. The girls jump out beautifully, with no hesitation."

Sister Maffey, who has been an RAF nurse for nearly nine years: "It is all rather good fun."

Section Officer Penfold: "The worst part of the whole thing was breaking in the special boots we have to wear for parachute jumping."

"Mine were so stiff that I could not walk upstairs in them. One night I got into the bath with them on, to soften them."

Miss H. W. Cargill, Matron-in-Chief of the RAF Nursing Service: "We must try to get a special badge for the girls. They deserve it."

Further para-nurses, all volunteers, are to be trained, and it is hoped in time to have a team at each RAF hospital.



PARA-NURSE  
"All rather good fun."

### AROUND THE TOWN

—with Mercia Hillary

WHETHER Yehudi Menuhin will come to Hongkong next month or not is a debatable question, although negotiations are going on. He wants to hire a ballroom to accommodate 1,000 people, with all tickets at US\$10. One counter offer has been the use of the Lee Theatre, holding 1,300 people, at more reasonable rates.

A meeting of the Sino-British Club literary group was held on Tuesday at the home of Mr Arthur Bentley. Professor Simpson took the chair.

Future plans were discussed and the group decided in favour of the issue of a literary magazine every three months. Monthly meetings will be held at which there will either be lectures, discussions or readings. Father Cronin, who was present, was asked to give a talk on Irish humour, and this may be a prelude to talks on French and Chinese humour.

More modern than the usual run of painting exhibitions, was the one at the Cathedral Hall by Mr Douglas R. Bland. Mr Bland studied under Sir William Rothenstein, and has exhibited before in England and South Africa.

His work follows the lines of the more modern painters. Quick brush strokes and splashes of colour make his water-colours effective. He captures moods very well, such as the "Squall, Canton Delta". There is an excellent portrait of Miss Veronica Walker, and several Balinese wood carvings.

A talk on "Modified Japanese Arrangements" was given on Tuesday by Mrs R. P. Newell at the YWCA. She didn't pretend to understand why the Japanese use the terms they do, admitting that her Japanese teacher spoke no English and she had to learn by simply watching and trying out.

One could see the Japanese influence in her arrangements, although she used many more flowers and leaves than they normally do, but the combination of what she had learnt, and some of her own ideas, made several attractive floral settings.

Next week, the lecture will be on Christmas decorations, and after that the YMCA will hold competitions for novices.

### ODD FACTS

A law passed recently in New York State made it legal for beauty parlours, previously restricted to the use of women, to give hair treatments and manicures to men.

There is a church in Jackson Heights, N.Y., exclusively for deaf people. On Sundays, two sermons are given, one for those who read lips and the other, for those who use the sign language.



Jumping into the picture at Upper Heyford, near Oxford, were the RAF's first volunteer parachute nurses. Here are right to left: Sister Craig, Belfast; Sister Bradley, Co. Tyrone; Sister Maffey, of Lee.

### Warner Baxter's One-Man Draughts Tournament

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD — Warner Baxter kills time between movie shots playing draughts—alone.

Tournaments included. "I've tried all the methods of waiting for the camera—gin rummy, reading, sleeping—and this draughts contest. I have with myself the best of all," Baxter said. "I can't lose, and to win is really a problem."

"You'd be surprised how intricate it can get, and believe me, beating

yourself is a good trick. If you don't cheat, and of course I never do, I watch myself too closely."

A draughts player beats himself, Baxter explained, in the early moves of the game. Sometimes he has to give up the contest to himself.

Baxter isn't kidding us. He's dead serious about the game. There are over 80,000 possible moves, he informed us. So there's always something new coming up.

### Makes Own Boards

"I make my own draughts and boards, too," he beamed. "I have 63 boards. Some painted squares on plywood, and some inlay jobs of rare wood."

For a game, he records short sections of general conversation at parties and then plays them back to startled friends.

"The most significant thing is how rude everybody is," he commented. "Practically no one finishes a sentence without interruption. The grammar is constructed like a woodpile, and the sound of your own voice is startlingly harsh."

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Eyebrows. Eyebrows are the frames of your eyes and good grooming is very important. Eyebrows should be brushed every day. Use a tiny eyebrow brush and a little vaseline or eye cream to make them gleam and to encourage their growth.

You may be surprised to know that eyes are always about the same size. They can be made to appear larger and more glamorous by the clever use of makeup and by keeping them clean and healthy.

Brushing. Brush the eyebrows as outlined above. Lengthen the eyebrows, if necessary, with light pencilled strokes. Apply the cream over the eyelids, then smooth on a very little eyeshadow in cream form. Brush the lashes with cream, then with mascara. Use black mascara unless the lashes are very light. If they are light, then use dark brown but be sure that the brown is very dark. Lighter shades of brown dry in a reddish tone and are not flattering.

Restraint. Eye makeup is lovely when you apply it with restraint. A little eyeshadow will add glamour to your eyes. Mascara stroked on the lids give the effect of longer, more luxuriant eyelashes. A little eye makeup goes a long way. Practice makes perfect.

### Frying Plus Pressure Cooking, A New Method

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

The hot roast and vegetables in your pressure cooker may have to move over to make room for chops and fried chicken. Frying plus the pressure method of cooking is the latest campaign of one leading cooker manufacturer to promote a new pressure cooker shaped like a frying pan.

The new cooker works on the same principle as the sauceman-type pressure cooker, but it has the broad heating surface of a frying pan (10½ inches in diameter). The only truly new feature in construction is a round disk that clips over the vent-pipe and the overpressure plug on the inside of the cover to prevent food and grease clogging the openings.

A main dish of fried chicken and fried ham was cooked in the pressure fryer at a luncheon given to introduce it. The ham slices were browned in the cooker, then the chicken was browned and placed on top of the ham. The lid was clamped down and the dish was allowed to cook for 15 minutes. If you remove the lid as soon as the pressure is down, you still can have a juicy fried chicken, made delightfully tender by the few minutes of pressure cooking.

### Steak Recipe

A booklet containing a wide variety of meat recipes is available alone with the new fryer (called Fry-Master). Including this recipe for steak with mushroom sauce:  
2 lbs. round steak, 1 inch thick  
2 tins. fat  
2 medium onions, sliced  
2 tins. salt  
1½ tins. pepper  
1 10-oz. tin condensed mushroom soup

¼ cup water  
Cut steak into serving pieces, heat fryer and add fat. Sear meat well on both sides; add onions and brown slightly. Season with salt and pepper. Combine mushroom soup and water and pour over meat. Place the cover on pressure fryer and cook 20 minutes.

Instructions for controlling steam on the cooker are given in detail in the booklet, but you can adapt many of the same recipes to cooking in an ordinary pressure cooker. Try this recipe for veal chops:

### Veal Chops Ambrosia

6 veal chops, ¾ inch thick  
3 tins. flour  
1 tins. salt  
¾ tins. thyme  
½ tins. red pepper  
1 garlic  
2 tins. fat  
6 slices lemon  
2 tins. water  
1 tins. Worcestershire sauce  
1 bay leaf

Dredge chops in combined flour, salt, thyme and red pepper. Heat fryer and add fat. Brown chops on both sides; add garlic, cook slightly and remove. Place slices of lemon on each chop. Mix water, Worcestershire sauce and pour over chops. Add bay leaf. Place cover on cooker and cook 10 minutes.

### Knit Suit In Vogue



By VERA WINSTON

KNIT SUITS get trimmer, more sleek, more charming every season. Ideal for travel, perfect for town or country, that's the happy distinction of a good knit suit, such as the model shown here. The suit is of light green, the collar and rever are of a heavier knit with a fleck of brown in the mixture. The banding on the pockets repeats this detail. The belt slips through loops, and the buttons are of dark brown leather. The well-cut skirt has a fly front.

### Rupert & Mr Punch—28

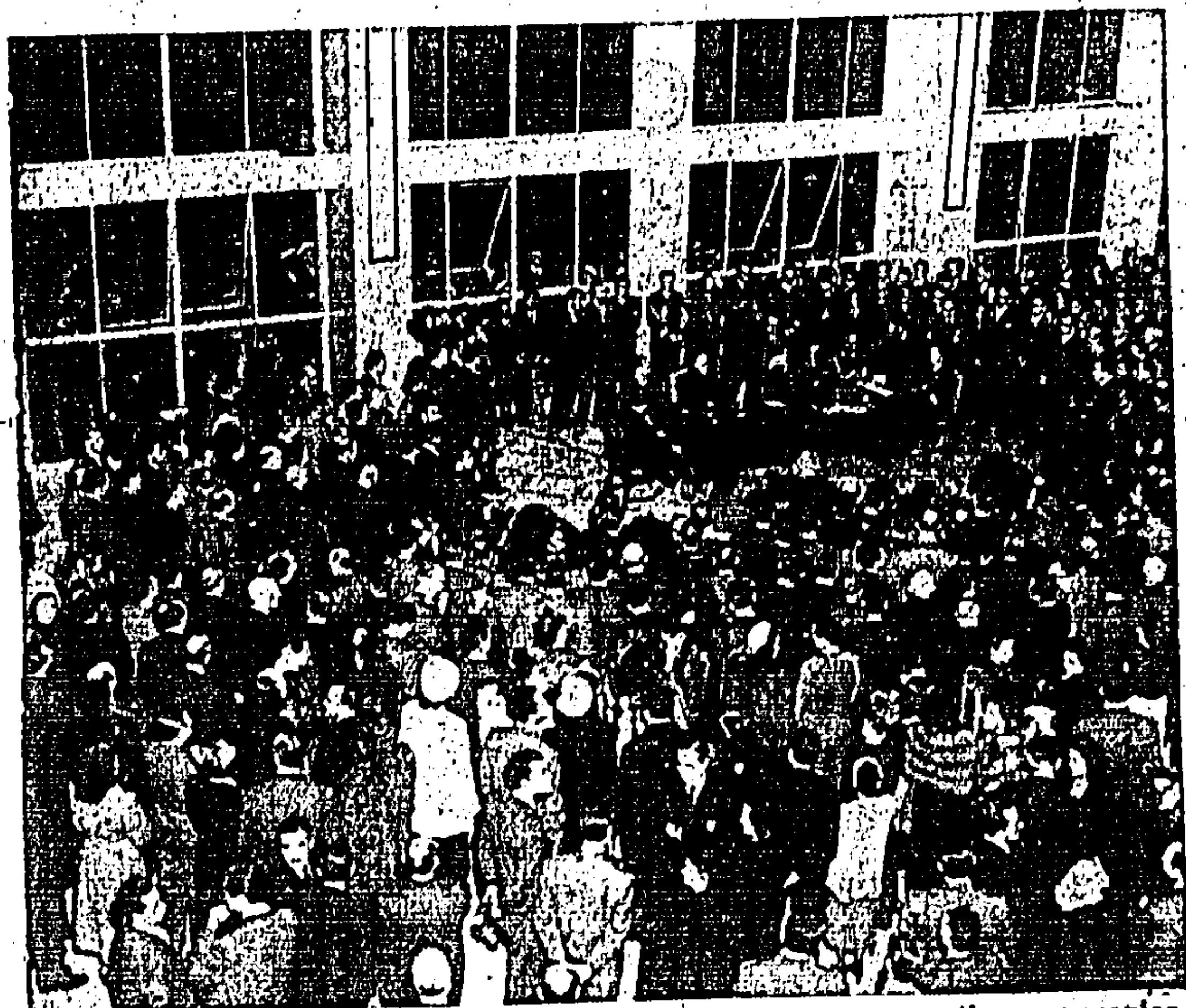


The steps up which the two friends have to go soon make them breathless, but they have to keep climbing, as the dog, Toby, does not wait for them. "We must be near the cliff top now," gasps Algy as the steps finish and the path becomes rough and loose. Sure enough, Toby soon begins to squawk between a great boulder and a wall of rock. "You'd better go through that," says Rupert to Algy. "You're fatter than I am, so if you can get through, I probably can, too!"

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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**AIRPORT OPENING**—Interested crowds attended the inauguration ceremonies of Limatambo, the largest airport in South America. Expected to be the hub of all future South American air travel, the field is located near Lima, Peru. The first plane landing on the new strip was witnessed by a wildly cheering crowd.



**WADING ALONG**—These youngsters plod through flood waters which inundated large areas of southern Florida during a recent hurricane. The Orange Bowl Stadium, scene of the annual New Year's Day football classic, can be seen in the background.



**POETS' FOUNTAIN TO GO**—The Westminster City Council recently decided to remove what is known as the Poets' Fountain, which stands at the southern end of Park Lane. The statue, which is a relic of the days of horse traffic, was damaged during the war.



**PRIVACY PREFERRED**—The cameraman, besides getting a good picture, got a great big inhospitable hiss from this Canadian goose guarding her nest near a tee on a Chicago golf course.



**NO NEW LOOK HERE**—Dutch housewife Corneles Ckees and her two children go for a stroll in their everyday dress. The little boy's clothes are fairly up-to-date, but mother and daughter wear the same styles popular in Volendam, Holland, 300 years ago.



**FLAMES IN THE FOREST**—Smoke and flames erupt from a 92-year-old Newburgh, N.Y., mansion in this aerial view. Firemen stood by helplessly, watching the fire cause \$100,000 in damage, because there was no water supply available. A 91-year-old invalid, owner of the mansion, was carried to safety.



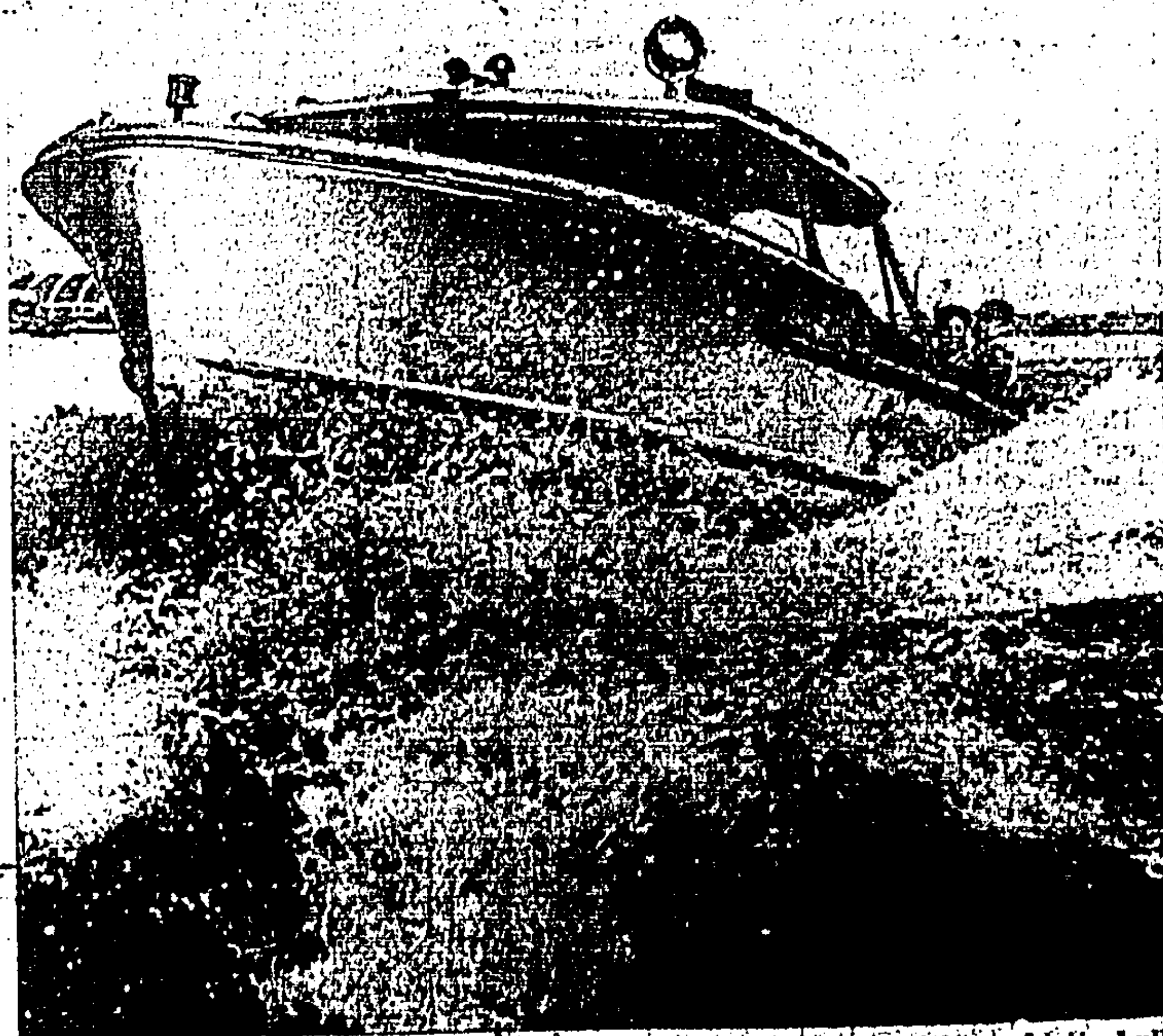
**ROUGH-RIDING CHIMPANZEE**—Andy, the roughest, toughest chimp wrangler in the St. Louis Zoo corral, shows how he tames even the meanest bronco as he takes on a spirited donkey named Sixty-Six. Here Andy makes a neat leap into the saddle as his mount passes.

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# MRS OKSANA KASENKINA'S OWN STORY

I HAD longed for an American atmosphere when I broke away from my Soviet guardians, but I was plunged into a stifling Russian atmosphere when I settled down at the Reed Farm of the Tolstoy Foundation.

Despite the angelic character of Countess Alexandra Tolstoy, who unfortunately was away most of the time at her New York office, I found myself under suspicion and surveillance at the institution—this time as a Soviet spy!

It is with deep pain that I am describing this interlude of my critical days from Saturday, July 31, to Saturday, August 7. I was highly the great humanitarian work being carried on by the Tolstoy Foundation for the relief of the helpless Russian DPs in Europe and America, and hope to be of help in this sacred cause when I recover.

Yet I cannot hold back the truth about the conditions that drove me to write my impulsive letter to the Soviet Consul-General, which eventually led to my seizure by him and his aides and to my imprisonment in the Consulate.

## At The Farm

UPON my arrival at the farm, Countess Tolstoy and Vladimir Zenzinov, who had brought me there, examined my passport and found that my visa to remain in the United States was valid for some time. Miss Tolstoy then told me that she would get in touch with the proper authorities to ensure my continued legal residence in this country. We had a heart-to-heart talk and I was installed in a comfortable room for the night.

I was given an assumed name, under which I was to live on the farm. Miss Tolstoy also cautioned me not to discuss my affairs and to do as little talking as possible. There were close to a hundred inmates in the place, of both sexes and of all ages and stations in life. Most of them had left Russia in the first refugee wave after the Bolshevik Revolution some thirty years ago, and included members of the nobility and the old military class.

I became an object of instant curiosity, especially when I was transferred the following day to the screened porch which I shared with the supervisor of the establishment, Martha Andreyevna Knutson, an experienced and admirable social worker. I was assigned to work in the kitchen.

Looking back upon the events of those days, I now realize that I had arrived at the farm in a highly nervous state. I should have begged off from unaccustomed toil until I had had a rest. I knew that my not showing up at the sailing of the Soviet ship would lead to a widespread hunt for me. The drudgery in the mass production kitchen, whether it was peeling potatoes or shelling eggs, was irritating. I would have preferred a factory job.

## Eyed Suspiciously

ONE day Mrs Knutson even remarked to me: "I can see you're not used to kitchen chores. Who took care of you all your life?" I've been a teacher all my life," I replied, "and the kitchen was not one of my specialties." To myself I kept saying, "This is hard work, but at least you're out of Soviet hands."

The inmates began to eye me suspiciously. Every evening they would gather on the veranda and engage in political discussions. I did not participate in them, true to Miss Tolstoy's instructions. My silence gave rise to significant glances.

There were many in the assembly who did not speak the democratic language of Mark Weinbaum, of the Novoye Russkoye Slovo, the Russian newspaper, or of Zenzinov, or of Miss Tolstoy herself. These people had inspired me with confidence because of their liberalism. My dream has always been a democratic Russia. I was now forced to listen mostly to talk of a restoration of the monarchy after the collapse of the Soviet regime. This antediluvian palaver grated upon me, but I could not answer it.

Then there was constant bickering and wrangling among the inmates of the institution. Everybody watched everybody else. Quarrels over petty matters were common. Those who had titles or rank in the long ago and those who they be accorded privileged treatment.

## Icy Atmosphere

THE atmosphere around me grew more icy every day. There was a cavedropping and finally unconcealed whispering in my path. When I retired at night, and it was during a cold spell, I would lie on the porch chilled to the bone and wracked by insomnia. This seemed so unlike the America I had yearned to discover.

My unhappiness gave way to despair when I spotted one day the Soviet Consul's black limousine not far from the farm and his fat chauffeur, Semashko, sitting on a bench some distance away. I was ridiculed for "seeing things" when I reported this, but I am convinced to this day that I was right. From many remarks dropped later at the consulate, I am confirmed in the belief that the Soviet Consul had detailed inside knowledge of the Tolstoy Foundation farm.

By Wednesday, August 4, my situation became most trying. Everybody was looking daggers at me, regarding me as an enemy within their camp. I was made to feel that beneath my assumed name was lurking a Soviet agent.

That evening the manager of the institution, Moussin-Pushkin, called me into his office and began to shup at me.

"Register!" No one can stay here overnight without registering."

## The Letter

I THOUGHT that my status had been settled by Miss Tolstoy, but was helpless in the face of Moussin-Pushkin's stormy scene. That night was a complete nightmare to me. "Was I in a madhouse or was I going mad?" I was asking myself again and again. Did I escape from Soviet surveillance to be suspected of being a Soviet spy?

I dashed off a letter to the Soviet Consul-General which, contrary to all reports, I did not show to anyone before having it mailed. I left the farm and walked down the road, stopping the first car going in the direction of town. I handed the letter and half a dollar to the motorist, requesting him to post it for me. The stranger was good enough to give me back 47 cents in change.

When I returned to the kitchen, after the car carrying my letter had vanished, I felt pangs of remorse, although I did not fully realize to what extent that letter would haunt me.

(Tomorrow: What resulted from Mrs Kasenkina's impulsive letter.)



# POOR LITTLE RICH LAND

UNLESS Western Europe recovers quickly, the paradise that is Belgium may soon become the paradise that was Belgium. Already a steadily lengthening finger of unemployment stretches across this lushland. It points the warning that in austerity-ridden Europe a prosperous small nation finds it hard to survive.

It is sad to see the first signs of economic paralysis reach this small oasis in the European waste land.

Luck there was in plenty to account for Belgium's quick recovery after the war; but in addition to luck the Belgians used hard work and wise Government to capitalise their good fortune and maintain it during the postwar years.

On the luck side of the ledger there were war-acquired dollars and a quick finish to the war in Belgium. (Some people add the uranium in the Belgian Congo; but this is a mistaken view. The scale of uranium exports to the U.S.A. from the Congo has been vastly exaggerated. In fact, they amount to a fraction of the two percent of Belgium's export trade with the U.S.A.).

## Bulging Warehouse

WITHIN six months of the liberation Belgium was a bulging warehouse of luxury goods—all bought with the dollars and (to a lesser extent) sterling acquired during the war. The result was that Belgians had an incentive for work. They worked like beavers to eat better, live better, dress better, and travel more comfortably than any people in Europe.

The Belgian currency from being well below par as compared with the French at the time of liberation rose steadily until today it is one of the hardest currencies in Europe. On the black market it is 12 times the price of the French franc.

All this time Belgians kept their fingers tightly crossed, knowing that the chief danger came not from their own seeming extravagances, but from the possible failure of Europe as a whole to recover. For 80 percent of Belgium's export trade went to Europe.

Europe failed to recover in time and could not buy these exports or, having already bought them, could not pay for them.

Belgium was in the position of the bright girl in a class of backward children. She had to either raise the level of the rest or sink to theirs. Seeing the danger, Belgium for the past year has been trying desperately to do the former.

She saw the warning signals—particularly Britain's decision to suspend the convertibility of sterling. That meant that the pounds Belgium had and was still earning were no longer convertible into the dollars she needed to pay for U.S. imports.

## Imports Rose

STEADILY the sum of her U.S. imports rose and the means of payment declined. While 47 percent of her imports came from the United States, exports (including uranium) totalled only two percent.

Pleas to Washington were unavailing. Belgium laboured under the disadvantage of being the least revolutionary country on the Continent, with no Communist-inclined working class to be brought off.

So Belgium then turned to sponsoring schemes for European recovery and helping to transform Marshall Aid from an inspiration into a reality. Thus she was in the forefront of the campaign for Western Union in an endeavour to prove to Washington that Europe was a sound investment.

She did more. She forfeited 80 percent of Marshall Aid dollars and threw them back into the pool of inter-European payments so as to help her potential customers to pay for their purchases. Meanwhile her unemployment figures rose to 100,000; prices, too, rose until for the first time in the past two years they exceeded the general level of wages and a clamour for wage increases began to be heard in the land.

## Danger Point

FURTHERMORE the Bank of Belgium had to bolster the debtor European nations with loans. These loans began to exceed the danger point beyond which lay inflation.

In desperation and in growing bitterness Belgium began to look for a villain. She has found him in the man who is the very antithesis of most of the Belgian characteristics: the vegetarian, teetotaler Sir Stafford Cripps.

It was Cripps who suspended the convertibility of sterling; Cripps who has publicly criticised Belgium for alleged lack of co-operation; and finally Cripps who banned

Now the Belgians feel the pinch—and the man they blame is Cripps... says Sam White

British tourists from visiting Belgium.

As a result of the tourist ban the holiday industry on the Belgian Channel coast has been brought to the brink of ruin.

At the same time another worry creases Belgium's brow. She is turning over most of the Marshall Aid dollars to help the rest of Europe recover, and Europe is using them not to buy or pay for Belgian goods but for capital investment.

All this time Belgium's most pressing need is precisely for these capital goods which she is now in effect lavishing on her potential competitors.

After three years of undimmed brightness the neon lights of prosperity are beginning to dim in Brussels, Antwerp, Liege and throughout the land.

## JAMES LEASOR reporting from OXFORD

# IT MAY BE RAGS AND BAGS AGAIN

OXFORD.

ANOTHER term has started. Every night until December, as Oxford's Great Tom bell tolls 101 times at 9.5 in memory of the 101 founders of Christ Church, the colleges in the university shut and lock their iron-studded, oak doors.

A new generation of undergraduates are unhooking their bags in the 32 colleges, Halls, and Societies.

They are younger, these newcomers, than their predecessors of the last three years. Many of this term's freshmen are just up from school.

The old guard, with their medals, their faded khaki shirts, and their duffle coats, are going. Many were married, with children. All were hardworking.

Colleges this term are preserving 20 percent of their places for schoolboys. The other 80 percent are Empire students, foreigners, ex-Service people, and youngsters who have done their National Service.

In Peck and Canterbury quads, in the gardens of St John's groups of boys stand with unlined faces and legs growing out of their flannel trousers, awkwardly trying to look older and more assured than they feel.

## FOR GAIETY

OXFORD for them is the hiatus between the dormitory and the draft number. Will they carry on in the sober ways of the older undergraduates, or will they return to the hilarity of the mad 'twenties and 'thirties?

Sixty-year-old Newman Brown, for 42 of his years on the printing staff of The Isis, Oxford's Weekly

paper, edited by undergraduates, hopes for excitement. Remembering Evelyn Waugh, Charles Graves, and Beverley Nichols as ex-editors, he yearns for the gay days.

Arthur Germer, whose father started the barber's shop in King Edward Street where bishops, actors, and politicians have had "a little off the top" in their young days, also laments the passing of the Good Old Days.

"They had guts then," he said. "Way back about 1907 the young men let loose 1,000 rats in the Cornmarket and had 100 whippets after 'em. That was a sight, if you like. Nothing like it now, though. It's all work, and work, and work."

## FOR WORK

FRESHMEN hesitate to give their views. They feel that their government grants may be cut if they indulge in unacademic activities like statue crowning.

From Sydney University and the University of Otago, New Zealand, tall, slow-speaking Robert Collins has come to Oriel. He sat in his room, surrounded by half-unpacked suitcases. He probably spoke for them all when he said: "To us 'down under' Oxford is more than a university. It stands for the English way of life."

What the freshmen are thinking politically is less in doubt. An eye-of-torn political census keeps the Tories at the top of the poll. The Labour Club is second in popularity. It aims at increasing last term's membership of 600 to 1,000. The Liberals are third. The Communists are a long, long way behind.

Yes, Oxford, like St Paul, has put away childish things.

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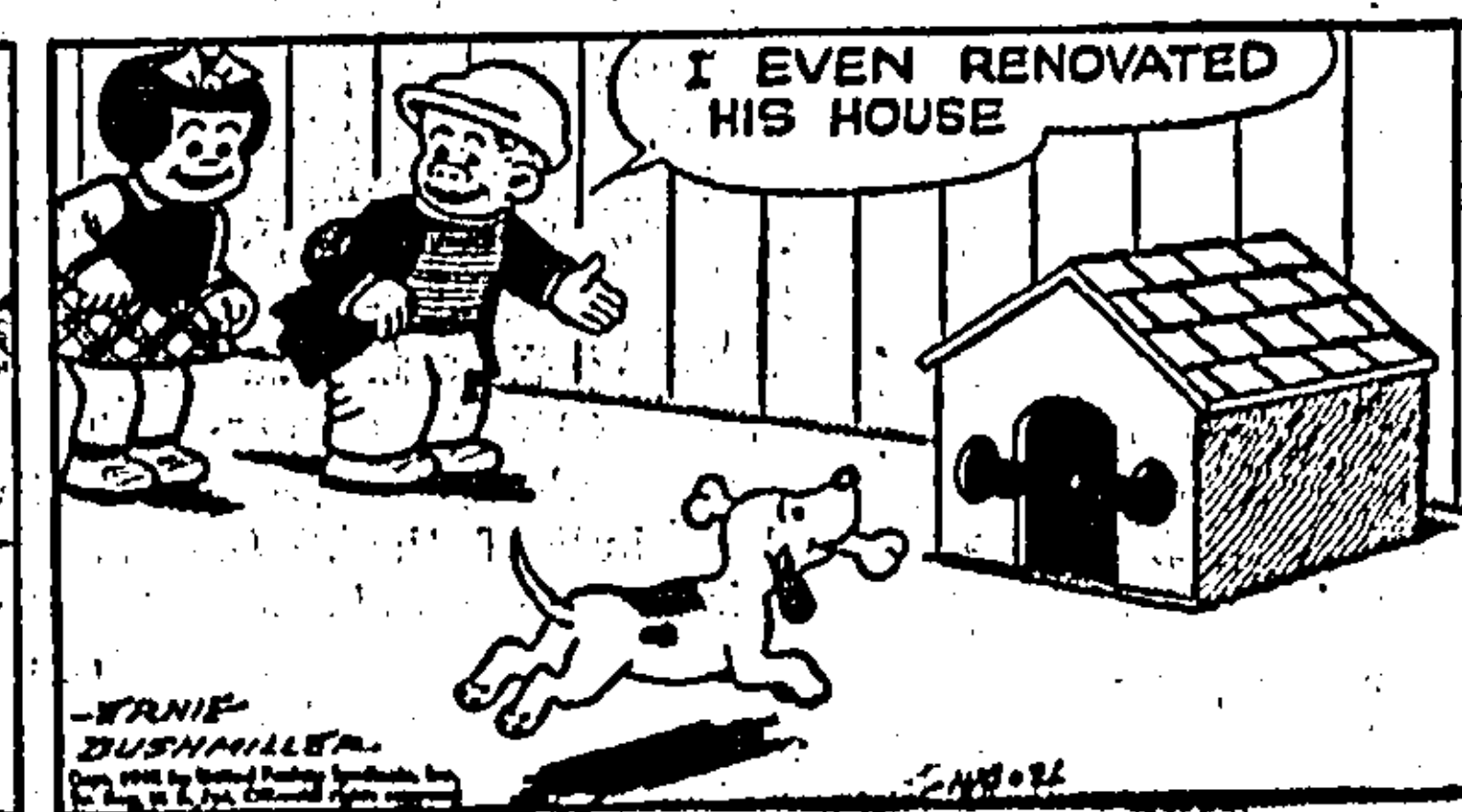
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# RADIO HONGKONG'S QUESTIONNAIRE

## Results Of Inquiry Among Listeners

The Programme Secretary, Mr David Hardy, recently conducted a Radio Hongkong questionnaire among 2,000 Hongkong licence holders, and the results have now been tabulated.

In many respects majority opinion follows similar lines revealed by the Hongkong Telegraph questionnaire carried out earlier this year.

### Bridge House Trial

## Further Evidence Of Brutality

The War Crimes Court at Lyemun Barracks trying Lieut. Gen. Kinoshita Eliechi, and Sgt Yoshida Bunzo, both formerly of the Shanghai Gendarmerie, on charges of ill-treatment of civilian residents of Shanghai, this morning heard further evidence given by two European ex-prisoners.

James Robert Canning, 46, factory manager, said he was taken to Bridge House (headquarters of the Shanghai Gendarmerie) on October 28, 1942. There he was interrogated and accused of being a British agent and obtaining information of Japanese military importance to pass on to his Government. He was kicked and had his face slapped by a gendarme, Nakatani, and also subjected to the water torture. The water treatment lasted some hours, towards the end of which he was given liquid rock-salt instead of water. The pain he suffered was so intense that he said he would sign any document the Japanese wished.

A document was placed before him which he signed, and it bore the words that the statement had been made by the signatory of his own free-will.

### SENTENCED TO DEATH

In December, 1942, he was taken before a Japanese military court and sentenced to death, but that sentence was later commuted to two years' imprisonment suspended for five years. He was later released from Bridge House, after he had fallen ill, and sent to the General Hospital.

Canning told the Court he could not recognise either of the two accused.

John Martin Watson, 52, former Inspector of the Shanghai Municipal Police, told of being subjected to the water torture and the electric torture after he had been taken to Bridge House in August, 1942. He had been sent there for investigation by the Commander of Halphong Road Camp, where he was an intern; when he was accused by two Indian policemen of trying to bribe them to send communications out of camp. The allegations were untrue, Watson declared.

Sent with him to Bridge House was another policeman, William Hutton, and they were confined in separate cells.

Describing the electric torture, Watson said the pain was excruciating. The more he shouted the more the Japanese laughed.

The trial is proceeding.

## Illegal Radio Apparatus

Lo Chuen, alias Lo Hin-ming, 45, unemployed, and Chiu Fan, 20, spinner, were charged before Mr Thomas Tam at Central this morning with occupying premises in which radio communication apparatus were installed.

First defendant was additionally charged with establishing a radio communication station without a licence and possession of radio communication apparatus.

Det. Sub-Inspr. Bodie said at 5.30 p.m. yesterday, he raided Kwong Fung Terrace with a party of police and Mr Yau of Wireless Communication Department. First defendant was sitting at the desk sending out messages while second defendant attempted to disconnect the telephone. A receiver, a transmitter, a telephone and some messages concerning prices of gold and rice were seized.

Second defendant said she had only been staying at the premises for a few days. First defendant was her cousin. She came down from Canton looking for a job and first defendant asked her to help him for a few days. She did not know that it was against the law.

First defendant was fined \$6,000 or six months while the woman was fined \$500 or one month.

### Press Report Denied

Canton, Oct. 28.—General Wan Shih-ho, Commander of the 154th Division, has denied Hongkong Chinese press reports that his Division has been dissolved by the Kwangtung Pacification Headquarters.

He points out that his Division has been relieved of Canton-Hongkong border duties solely for training purposes.—Reuter.

About 25 percent filled in and returned the Broadcasting Studios inquiry forms, of which about 81 percent disclosed themselves to be regular listeners to Radio Hongkong.

There was some indication of an increasing tendency to listen to the local stations.

The most popular programmes turned out to be variety, non-swing dance music, news commentaries, light orchestral music, musical comedies, symphony concerts, Radio Newsreel, theatre and cinema organs and short plays.

The least popular were listed as domestic and fashion, schools broadcasts, religious talks, series of talks, short story readings, personal interviews, discussions, documentary features and religious services.

### MOST POPULAR

Typically the question whether listeners were satisfied or otherwise with the current type and quality of programmes produced roughly 50-50 replies for and against.

Most popular programmes included Sunday Proms, Gilbert and Sullivan, 12MA, Marion Glover's Cines Request Hour, and Paul Temple serial.

Most listened to programmes included BBC transcriptions, for which listeners said they tuned into Radio SEAC and Radio Hongkong. ITMA (heard both direct from BBC and BBC transcriptions); symphony concerts (listened to from Radio SEAC, Radio Hongkong and the BBC); and classical music (listened to from BBC and Radio Hongkong).

Asked for suggested new programmes from Radio Hongkong, the majority of answers listed "Wild Pickles" Quiz (BBC), local news and a local Drains Trust, in that order of popularity.

More than half expressed the need for improved announcing, while a large majority desire an increase in transmission hours.

There was a big vote in favour of an early morning session from 7 to 9.

At the present time the preferred times for listening are midday, but 64 percent said they would listen to broadcast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Of listeners who filled in the questionnaire, 66 percent were between the ages of 25 and 50, and no less than 70 percent of returns came from the Services. Housewives accounted for 56 percent and civil servants 39 percent.

## CHIANG TO REMAIN IN PEIPING

Shanghai, Oct. 28.—President Chiang Kai-shek plans to make an extended stay in Peiping—probably for the winter—to lend the weight of his personal military guidance as well as moral support to North China's commander, General Fu Tso-yi, against the almost certain Communist attempt to surge south of the Great Wall, on the basis of information in the hands of the United Press today.

North China, rather than Central China, is generally conceded to be the locale of the next major struggle between the Reds and the Government.

Advices from Peiping—such as a stockpile of coal was unloaded in the Generalissimo's Peiping residence—said that all evidence points to the Generalissimo dropping active participation in affairs of the state and devoting full time to the military situation.

Reliable sources here said it was understood that Gen. Fu Tso-yi impressed on the Generalissimo the necessity of Chiang Kai-shek remaining in Peiping to give personal support to strategic operations and also for help in large numbers from garrisoned areas not immediately threatened by the Communists.

### RUMOURS FLY

Many rumours were floating around in connection with the Generalissimo's presence in Peiping, most of which are concerning his state of health—a familiar report which develops each time the Generalissimo departs from Nanking. The same theme was heard when he went to Kuling last spring and summer.

There were also rumours that the Generalissimo is planning to give up his Presidency in which case the constitutional heir would be Vice-President Li Tsiang-jen. No source would lend the slightest support to such a report.

The Generalissimo's activities yesterday on the heels of another quick flight to Mukden the day before, flew to Jehol Province where he inspected the situation of Chengteh and returned to Peiping the same afternoon.—United Press.

## Reflections On A Serious Situation



## ULTIMATUM TO THE WFTU

### TUC DEMANDS CESSATION OF ITS ACTIVITIES

London, Oct. 27.—The General Council of the Trades Union Congress decided in London today to recommend that the World Federation of Trade Unions should suspend its functions. If the WFTU refuses to do so, the TUC will withdraw from the organisation, the General Council decided.

The British representative will recommend the suspension of the World Federation at the next meeting of its Executives. He will also recommend that trustees should be appointed to hold the accumulated funds of the World Federation and meet within 12 months to discuss the conditions in which an attempt be made to revive an international trade union organisation.

Tension within the WFTU, which links 65 countries and 70 million workers, became acute last month when the British President of the World Federation, Mr Arthur Deakin, accused the organisation of being "nothing less than another platform and instrument for Soviet policy."

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress also issued today a declaration on Communism. "Attempts to wreck economic recovery in the interests of a foreign power whose policy is to keep the world divided, impoverished and in constant dread of a third world war, must be condemned and repudiated by all trade unionists," it declared.

### ANTI-COMMUNISM PLEA

It called for energetic steps to stop the "evil machinations which threaten the economic recovery" of Britain.

The Council urged the Executives of all affiliated unions and responsible officers and loyal members "to counteract every manifestation of Communist influence within their unions and to open the eyes of all working people to the dangers of subversive activities which are being engineered in opposition to the declared policy of the Trade Union Movement."

There is only one Communist on the Council, which represents 160 trade unions throughout Britain with a membership of nearly 8,000,000. In its declaration, the Council stated: "The attitude of the British Communist is in full conformity with that of the Communist organisations in other countries, notably France."

"The industrial conflict now raging there clearly demonstrates the outcome of this policy."

The Council asserted that statements made officially by spokesmen of the Communist Party in Britain "prove beyond question that sabotage of the European Recovery Programme is the Cominform's present aim."—Reuter.

## CHIANG FLIES TO CHENGTEH

Shanghai, Oct. 28.—President Chiang Kai-shek flew to Chengteh, the provincial capital of Jehol, yesterday for an inspection of the defences in the area, according to semi-official reports.

He was accompanied by General Hsu Yun-chang and General Yu Chieh, the Military Affairs Director of the President's Office.

The President was absent from Peiping for 10 hours.—Reuter.

## Charge Against Actress Dismissed

Beverly Hills, California, Oct. 27.—A vagrancy charge against dancer Vicki Evans was dismissed in court here today on a motion of the District Attorney's office.

The charge was laid a few days after Miss Evans was arrested with Robert Mitchell, the film actor and another couple in a narcotics raid in Hollywood.

The four are still awaiting trial on charges of violating the narcotics laws.—Reuter.

## REBEL MP ATTACKS GOVERNMENT

London, Oct. 27.—The Socialist rebel, Mr Ivor Thomas, who yesterday resigned from the Labour Party over the Steel Bill, today flayed the Government when the steel nationalisation bill was tabled in the House of Commons.

"A wanton and reckless act," he declared amidst Opposition cheers, to nationalise steel when the grave issues abroad called for rearmament and balance of payments in jeopardy.

He related the story of a man who was gripped because his donkey ate too much food and so planning to cut down its diet until it went without food. Just as he had accustomed the donkey to do without food, it died.

"The poor British donkey is not dead yet," he said.

"It is still allowed 81 percent of the 1938 imports and promised technically 'adequate' though dairy diet for the next 12 months. Perhaps before the end of the election, he will get a parrot."

"The art of the master is to take care of the donkey or it will kick." After Mr Thomas declared that the Government had a paradise for the football pool and bucket shop but undermined Britain's industrial arrangements, a member, Mr H.B. W. Morgan called out: "You, dirt dog."

"The Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition asked: 'Is it in order for a member to call another member a dirty dog?'"

The Speaker ruled it out of order and the incident was dropped when Mr Morgan said he would withdraw it.—United Press.

## CORRESPONDENT RELEASED

Athens, Oct. 27.—Mr Kenneth Matthews, the British Broadcasting Corporation correspondent in Greece, was today released by the guerrillas and arrived in Patras tonight.

Mr Matthews was "captured" by armed men at Myrae, near Corinth, on October 11. He was released in the early hours of this morning at a village near Patras, it was officially announced.

Accompanied by villagers he arrived tonight at Patras, where he was placed under the protection of the Greek police.

During more than a fortnight with the guerrillas, Mr Matthews visited the villages under their control, including their headquarters on the heights of Mount Parnon.—Reuter.

Ankara, Oct. 27.—Four military airmen were killed today when a bomber and fighter crashed over the Adana Plain in Anatolia.—Reuter.

Faces of United Nations delegates appear to mirror graveness of the matter before the Security Council in Paris as they listen to debate on the Berlin crisis. Dmitri Manuilsky (left), Ukraine delegate, studies papers; Andrei Y. Vyshinsky (centre), Soviet deputy Foreign Minister, puts his fingers to his lips, while Sir Alexander Cadogan (right), of the United Kingdom, leans over with an intent look.—AP Picture.

## University Professors On Strike

### DEMAND BETTER CONDITIONS

Peiping, Oct. 28.—Strikes of University professors in North China spread further as faculty of the National Nankai University in Tientsin started a three-day strike today for better conditions.

Faculties and students of three national universities in Peiping—the Tsinghua, Peking and Normal—already are out on strike.

Students went on strike in support of their faculties and also for better conditions themselves.

The strikes resulted in the birth of a body styled the "National Peking University Students Committee to Struggle for Warmth and Full Stomachs."

### REQUEST FOR FLOUR

Students of the American-endowed Yenching University sent petitions to President Chiang Kai-shek requesting free rations of flour. The faculty of the Catholic Fuien University cancelled an intended strike when the authorities promised their pay and promised them rations of flour and coal.

The professors of this institution are the best paid in Peiping. Before their salaries were raised they were paid between 200 and 300 Yuan a month compared to the average of 150 in other universities.

Meanwhile, 3,000 telecommunication workers here started a go-slow strike for better conditions.

They are sending only official, press and weather reports.

The workers demanded a ration of two 49-pound bags of flour monthly, one ton of coal for the winter and the loan of 300 Yuan each.—Associated Press.

### STUDENTS INDICTED

Shanghai, Oct. 28.—Four of the 19 university students arrested last month were indicted by the Special Tribunal today on charges of Communist activities.

Four others were indicted on charges of inciting a student demonstration last June under the pretence of protesting against American aid to Japan.

Charges against 15 alleged "professional students" were dropped. One of the four indicted as Red is Chu Pei-kun, son of the former labour leader, Chu Hsueh-fan, who is now one of the Chinese Red labour leaders.

Shi Chung-jen, another of the quartet accused, has been sent to Shanghai by the Chinese Reds to co-ordinate Communist activities in all students' organisations.—United Press.

## Train Accident: Two Killed

Orchardville, Ohio, Oct. 27.—A passenger train of the Pennsylvania Railroad rammed a truckload of steel at a crossing at Orchardville today, killing the engineer and eight ranches.

The fireman was also killed and 11 passengers injured. The train was bound from Cincinnati to Pittsburgh.—Associated Press.

SHOWING TO-DAY **Queens** AIR-CONDITIONED At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.



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ALSO LATEST WALT DISNEY'S COLOR CARTOON. "DONALD'S DREAM VOICE"

SHOWING TO-DAY **MAJESTIC** At 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20 p.m.



NEXT CHANGE: JEANIE CRAIN in "MARGIE" COLOR BY TECHNICOLOR

## BRITAIN'S NEW POWER STATION

Kingston-on-Thames, Oct. 27.—The King today opened Britain's latest power station—the first of 25 new plants planned by the British Electricity Authority.

The new power station at Kingston-on-Thames is estimated to save £52,000 in its first three months' working and has a capacity of 20,000 kilowatts. It will cost £20,000,000 when completed.

The King and Queen were shown the original "King's Stone" at Kingston on which it is said Saxon kings were crowned.

The King was also presented with a solid silver model of the Hawker Aircraft Company's latest jet fighter which was designed in Kingston.—Reuter.

## Adelaide's Disastrous Fire

Adelaide, Oct. 27.—In Adelaide's most disastrous fire, four people were burned to death tonight and six others were injured.

The fire occurred in the Covent Garden cafe which was crowded with diners. The cafe is situated in King William Street, Adelaide's main thoroughfare.

The bodies which were all those of staff members were recovered by firemen in the uppermost part of the building. Many of the staff jumped to safety as the building began to burn.—Associated Press.

## WIFE RESCUED, FEET FIRST

Mr and Mrs W.H. Sprinkle were driving in their car near Castle Peak yesterday morning when the steering wheel suddenly went wrong and the car was wrenched over the side of the bank into three feet of water.

The car turned completely over, trapping Mrs Sprinkle. Mr Sprinkle was able to get out and he then rescued his wife by pulling her from the car, feet first.

Neither suffered any injuries apart from slight shock.

## Youths Pay For Romance Crimes

Tehran, Oct. 27.—Two young men who committed murders because they were prevented from marrying the girls they loved, were hanged in Persian cities today.

Safar Mokhtaraz, 28-year-old, was hanged at Khalkal, Azerbaijan, for killing and kidnapping his father and beheading his stepmother and one-year-old step-sister.

When arrested Mokhtaraz asked to be hanged. "My father, influenced by my stepmother, prevented me from marrying the girl I loved," he said.

In Tehran's main square, 30-year-old Hussain Gudarzi was hanged before a large crowd for killing Ali Farzollah who refused to consent to Gudarzi's marriage to his daughter.—Reuter.



## SOCCER INTERNATIONAL

## Three Changes In England's Team

London, Oct. 27.—The England soccer side to meet Wales at Villa Park on Wednesday, November 10, was chosen today and shows three changes from the side which defeated Ireland by six goals to two earlier this month.

Aston, the Manchester United leftback, partners Scott in place of Howe, while Wright, of Wolverhampton, who again captains the side, will be at centre-half. Instead of right-half, allowing Ward, of Derby County, to be included, with Cockburn excluded and Shackleton, of Sunderland, is preferred to Pearson at inside left.

The team is:  
Swift (Manchester City);

Scott (Arsenal)  
Aston (Manchester United);

Ward (Derby)  
Franklin (Stoke)  
Wright (Wolverhampton);

Matthews (Blackpool),  
Mortensen (Blackpool),  
Milburn (Newcastle),  
Shackleton (Sunderland),  
Finney (Preston).—Reuter.

## HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Oct. 28.—The Football Association beat the Royal Air Force 2-1 in a game played at Highbury.  
At Portsmouth, Royal Navy & Royal Marines beat Cambridge University 4-2.—Associated Press.



## League Cricket

The KCC second team's cricket match against Cranleigh for Saturday has been cancelled owing to Cranleigh's inability to raise a side.  
However, arrangements have been made for a Land Forces XI to play the KCC at Lord's Road ground at 2 p.m. on Saturday.  
The KCC team will be: S.A. Gray (capt.), E.A.J. Hancock, K. Adams, V. Bond, L. Guest, G. R. Rosewell, R. Leigh, V. C. Seymour, S. C. Freeman, T. Locke and F. E. Lawrence.

KCC v Cranleigh  
For their first division League cricket match against Cranleigh at Happy Valley on Saturday, the KCC will be represented by: R. E. Lee (Capt.), E. C. Fincher, G. E. Taylor, L. D. Merritt, G. Webb, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, J. Barrow, M. J. Divedia, V. H. White and E. Randall.  
Scorer: J. P. Robinson. Players are requested to meet at 1.30 p.m. at Star Ferry wharf, Hongkong.

HKCC Optimists' XI  
The HKCC Optimists' XI in their first division League match against the Royal Navy at Chater Road on Saturday at 4.45 p.m. will be represented by: L. D. Merritt (Capt.), G. T. Rowe, A. Eason, T. F. Mahon, N. R. Arthy, K. A. Miller, R. W. Franklin, N. R. Slater, M. J. Little, E. Perry, W. J. Slater, H. Howard (12th man and scorer); N. Hall (umpire).

Scorpions' Team  
The HKCC Scorpions have changed their name to the HKCC Scorpions and for their League match on Saturday against the Recreation at King's Park, they will be represented by: T. A. Pearce, H. Owen Hughes, L. F. Stokes, O. J. Kerr, F. Howarth, J. D. Cleave, C. W. Viner, J. G. R. H. Hughes, M. Harriman and A. P. Weir.

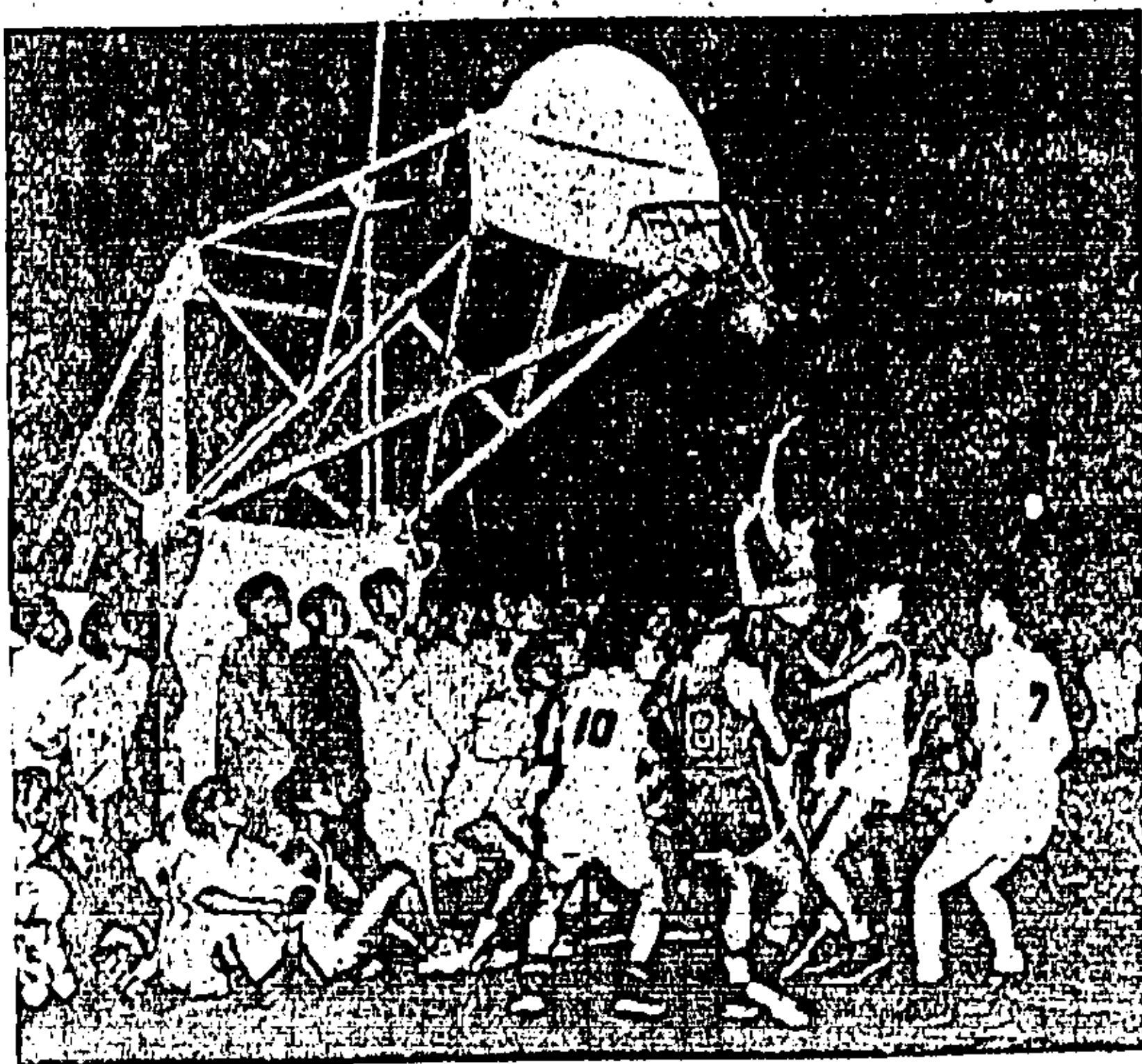
Indian Juniors  
The following will represent the IRC 2nd XI in a League match against the R.A.F. on Saturday commencing at 1.45 p.m. sharp, on Soekoonpoo ground:  
F.A. Curran (Capt.), R. A. Curran, W. A. Curran, A. J. Baker, T. A. Ebrahim, A. J. Ebrahim, Y. Motiwalla, Sunan Aboi, I.A. Bux, M.A. Wabshi, J. P. Poon, Turner, E.H. Esmail, S.E.M. Bux (12th man).  
Scorer: T.H. Bama.

## Coming Events In The Sports World

**TODAY**  
Hockey—Association Fixture: Army v. Navy at Soekoonpoo, 5.15 p.m.  
Meeting—Kowloon Chess Club Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.  
Tennis—Open Hardcourt Open Mixed Doubles Championship: Paul Turner & Miss D. Kent v. J. D. Mackie & Mrs S. Standiford at Ladies' Recreation Club, 5.15 p.m.  
Colony Open Hardcourt Championships: Lee Wai-long v. N. Lo; Lim Thiam-tet v. Choy Tin-wah; Wong Suk-ai v. P. Poon; Turner & Cook v. Ip Cheng-hing, at the Chinese Recreation Club, 5.15 p.m.

**TOMORROW**  
Meeting—Annual General Meeting of Kowloon Cricket Club, 8 p.m.  
Races—Entries close for Ninth Extra Race Meeting, noon.  
Tennis—Open Hardcourt Championships: S. A. Rumjahn v. Lee Ming; T. Lo v. Teol Ping-lan; G. Choa Frank Kwok; Wan Wu v. Tsang Chai-man; Rock Liang v. J. B. Hawthorn.

## AMOY v. SWATOW—A TENSE MOMENT



Though basketball in Hongkong has become almost exclusively an all-Chinese game with the exception of occasional matches with teams from American naval units, the popularity of the game, as can be seen from the above picture, is far from being on the wane.

A series of matches is now going on at the Caroline Hill Stadium every evening, among the teams being the visiting Swatow Police and Philippine Chinese of Amoy who are pictured above.

The Amoy team have proved supreme so far while the Swatow Police have lost two games, one to the Amoy team and the other, last night, to the local Chinese YMCA by 55 points to 38.—Golden Studio Photograph.

## THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE

## STEROPE COMES TO THE RESCUE OF BOOKMAKERS

London, Oct. 27.—Mr James Townley's three-year-old, Sterope, surviving an objection lodged after the race, won the Cambridgeshire Handicap over one mile one furlong in Newmarket today.

Sterope, trained by the former jockey, Pat Beaseley, and ridden by the young apprentice, David Schofield, swooped down on Mr David Morris's Royal Tara a furlong from home to win the second leg to the Autumn Double by half a length.

Two lengths behind came the French-trained Patchouly, and the grey, Impeccable, who dead-heated for third place after a photo had been taken.

Sterope came to the rescue of the bookmakers as he started at 25 to 1. Had any of the best-fancied succeeded, the bookmakers would have stood to lose many thousands of pounds, as the well-backed Woodburn had won the Cesarewitch, the first leg of the Double.

Royal Tara made a gallant attempt to carry the weight to victory, but Sterope, in receipt of 17 pounds, together with apprentice's allowance of seven pounds, was just able to overtake him, close to the winning post.

Sterope is one of the most consistent colts in training and in 14 races he has never finished out of the first three.  
Sois de Lyon was left at the post after lashing out wildly and nearly upsetting his jockey, Standerton and Desir were also left several lengths and Desir was pulled up after going a furlong.

## FIELD SPLITS

The field soon split into two groups, with Sterope, Impeccable, Explorer and Patchouly prominent on the far side, and Jacobite, Wisley, Trinity and Metronome most prominent on the stand side.  
After going a quarter of a mile, Sea Shah was in front of Sterope.

## Training Times

Atman and Black Market, and The Dingo were clocked at 2.09 and 2.13 for the mile during morning gallops yesterday.  
Other good performances were by Jeep Lee, Strathnamara and Whirlaway.

Times recorded were as follows:

Busted Straight	34.3	1.12.2	1.40.2	2.20.1	31.4
Jeep Lee	32.5	1.07.1	1.44	2.15.4	31.4
Vagabond King	32	1.02.1	1.30		27.4
Charming					
Witness	39	1.17	1.31	2.23	32
Trade Wind	30.1	1.01.2	1.30.4		29.2
Patchouly	32	1.00.1	1.30		29.4
Jeep Beauty	35	1.00.1	1.30		29.4
Flying Dragon	31	1.01.5	1.33		31.2
Black Market	32	1.00.2	1.42.4	2.13	29.1
Jeep Fung	35	1.00.2	1.40		30.2
Atman	31	1.00.2	1.41	2.09.3	29.3
Alisa	35.1	1.00.4	1.38		29.4
Prince Delight	40	1.24.3	2.03.4	2.58.2	30.4
Whirlaway	28.4	1.12.5	1.40.2		33.1
Seattle	34	1.00.4	1.42.2	2.13.1	29.4
Strathnamara	30.2	1.12	1.47	2.12.2	30.2
Battlefield	31.4	1.12.4	1.43	2.13.2	29.4
Friendship	43	1.10.4	1.40.3		32.4
Royal					
Commission	30.2	1.17	1.51.2		34.3
The Dingo	33.4	1.06.4	1.34.2		37.3

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## Hockey Meeting

The European YMCA was admitted to membership in the Hongkong Hockey Association at the meeting held yesterday evening at the SCM Post Board Room.

The meeting was devoted largely to a discussion of the grounds question. The question of refereeing was also discussed and it was agreed that weekly lectures would have to be held as most referees were not properly trained for the job.

## WITH INTEREST BOOSTED BY OLYMPIC SUCCESS

## AMERICA LOOKS FORWARD TO ITS

## GREATEST SEASON EVER IN WINTER SPORTS

By CORNELIUS RYAN

New York, Oct. 26.—Stimulated by America's unexpected successes in last winter's Olympics, winter sports in the USA probably will have their greatest season during the coming months.

Figure-skating will be the biggest gainer, as now thousands of youngsters go onto the ice after realising for the first time that sport is of major world-wide importance.

When Richard Button of USA won the Olympic men's figure-skating championship and followed with a victory in the world championships at Davos, Switzerland, other American youngsters finally were convinced that skating is not the exclusive property of the Europeans, and professionals all over the country reported a flood of new pupils and new interest despite the lateness of the season.

That new interest is continuing into the coming winter, and sports goods houses are having a bumper year in manufacture and sale of skates, skis and winter sports clothes.

## Teachers Stimulated

The Olympics also stimulated these teachers who watched European stars show their skill and skate specialties and they will try to bring the best of the European techniques to America.

Probably the greatest change will be in the skating, as the USA finally abandons the Arberg fashion of going through slalom for the better European style, called "rounder" by the French.

Instead of using only ski placing and body action for the slaloms, the Europeans use a pivot turn in which the skier forces his weight onto the ski points and turns on the points with the aid of his one or two poles as pivots.

The Olympics, too, have given great impetus to the "new American technique" of skiing, which is in reality a combination of the Arberg and Fritz Loosli systems and enables the beginner to learn to ski in about half the time needed by the system.

Hannes Schneider, a native of the Austrian Tyrol and now a leading teacher in the USA, says that beginner should learn how to ski in two weeks and be able to enjoy the sport thoroughly after that.

Such speed is essential if the sport is to take full use of its present opportunity for national popularity.—United Press.



## Davis Cup Competition Faces A Crisis

The Davis Cup competition is facing a major crisis. Too many nations are providing too little money and unless the special committee of five appointed to study the problems come out with a workable scheme, it is difficult to see any other course but to reduce the cup competition to a little skirmish involving only a handful of nations.

The plain facts are that the European zone is full of competitors with no playing strength to get beyond one or two rounds, whose attraction to the paying public is almost nil.

The expenses of those nations not situated geographically in Europe are met by what is known as the Special Travelling Expenses Fund, the money for which is provided by the European countries.

That fund today stands at less than £2,000. When it is realised that five nations outside the confines of the Continent challenged in the European zone this year, it is clear that a serious financial deficit is faced by those whose resources supply the necessary cash.

This situation is not a new one. With the growing importance attached by all nations to participation in the Davis Cup, and the probability that more and not fewer entries are going to be received in the future, the time has now arrived when something has to be done.

One possible solution may be to increase the present entrance fee of £10, but that, at best, is barely a remedy. To reduce the list of acceptances is out of the question.

The popularity of the competition is in its world-wide scope of participants.

## DE-ZONING

One remedy seems to lie on de-zoning.

So long as comparatively weak nations such as India, Pakistan and Brazil elect to play in the European zone the situation is likely to become worse rather than better.

At the present time the competition is divided into two groups, or zones. This year in the European section 25 nations competed, and in the North American zone four countries took part, Australia, Cuba, Mexico and Canada.

The whole zone system is antiquated. What is demanded is an entirely new arrangement of the competing countries, a scheme whereby no nation is called upon to travel an immense distance and spend a great deal of money in order to be knocked out in the early rounds.

The competitors could be split up into a four-zone system. The groups would be called the European (West), European (East), the American, and Far Eastern.

Teams from the East or South America would have little opportunity for a trip to Europe, but the Special Travelling Expenses Fund would not be taxed to its limits.

## SPORTS ITEMS FROM LONDON

## GPO Staff Pays The Way

Colleagues in Britain's General Post Office of Miss E. M. Whelan raised a fund to permit her to join the English Women's Cricket Team that is on its way to Australia and New Zealand.

She has been a member of Britain's Post Office Women's Cricket Team since 1936, and has played for the Civil Service Women's Cricket team in representative matches.

In 1938 a team to represent England in a six months' tour of Australia was selected by the Women's Cricket Association and Miss Whelan, considered a first class bowler, was one of those named for the trip.

A fund to assist her in defraying the heavy expenses involved was raised by her colleagues. However, the tour due to commence in October, 1939, was abandoned owing to the war.

The fund raised was placed in the Post Office Savings Bank and has increased about £20 in interest.

Miss Whelan, who has been with the London Telephone Service for the last 15 years, has recently been promoted to the Telecommunications Department of Britain's General Post Office Headquarters.

When it was decided this year to send a team "Down Under," Miss Whelan was selected to accompany the team. She has been given the necessary leave of absence from the GPO.

The team is at present on its way to Australia.  
The English cross-country championships (senior, junior, youths) are to be decided on March 12, 1949, at the Bromford Bridge racecourse, Birmingham, England. On March 20, 1949, the International cross-country championship will take place on Dublin racecourse, Eire.

The agreed arrangements include: Age of entry: normally 15 years, with no fixed upper limit. Probation: in effect the first three years of the five years apprenticeship period, so far as jockeys are concerned, a probationary period, since boys take up apprenticeship in the first place as training grooms.  
During the first three years they are employed in the stables and receive general training in the care and handling of race horses.  
At the end of this period it is usually possible to decide whether a boy is suitable to train on as a jockey, the most important factor being the weight of the boy and whether he has reached the standard necessary for riding in public. Boys not selected for further training as jockeys qualify as training grooms.  
All apprentices are indentured to trainers and where boys are to ride in public the employer makes application at the appropriate time to the Jockey Club for licences as approved apprentice jockeys. The importance of the boys' welfare is constantly borne in mind by all concerned.

Norman Wooland, starring in Ian Dalrymple's Western film production "All Over The Town" took part, with other stars of Britain's J. Arthur Rank Organisation in a cricket match, including actors versus The Rowley Hat Club, on Oxtou Crick Ground, near Birkhead, England. The film stars' beat the Bowler Hats, making 100 runs for nine wickets.

An agreement has been made between Britain's Transport and General Workers Union, the Jockey Club, and the Trainers' Federation regarding the training of apprentices as jockeys and training grooms in racing stables licensed by the Jockey Club.

## PREPARATIONS

## BEGIN FOR '52 OLYMPIAD

London, Oct. 26.—The Olympic Games of 1952 have occupied the attention of various countries ever since the curtain was rung down on the 1948 programme.

Preparations began and in some cases an overhaul of existing administrations has taken place and it is probable that some national bodies who controlled their country's team in London will show marked differences at the next Olympiad.

One of the outstanding cases in this connection, which has come to light, concerns Canada where the Amateur Athletic Association has called for a showdown over rebel efforts to reorganise the Canadian Olympic Association.

This has arisen because of Canada's poor showing at this year's games, when the best their athletes could accomplish was one second place.

George Macdonald, the AAU President, has accused A. Sidney Davies, President of the Olympic Association, of attempting to undermine the Union and has called on him to stop trying to set up the Olympic body as a separate sports organization or to resign immediately. The Olympic body actually functions as a branch of the Amateur Athletic Union.—Reuter.

## CENTURY BREAK

London, Oct. 26.—Fred Davis, the world professional champion, made a break of 102 his 53rd century, against Sidney Smith in their match in the Sunday newspaper Empire News £1,000 snooker tournament at Leicester Square Hall, London, to-day.

Davis made the run in the last frame of an early session which he won 122 to seven.—Reuter.

## Babe Ruth Buried

New York, Oct. 25.—Under grey, weeping skies the body of baseball's immortal Babe Ruth was laid in its final resting place today.

Only a handful of the millions of fans who idolised America's greatest sports hero, was present as the mahogany casket with "George Herman Ruth" on its silver name plate, was lowered into a concrete vault beneath the earth.—Associated Press.

## MANCHESTER HANDICAP

London, Oct. 27.—Owners of 69 horses have been accepted for the 1 1/4 mile Manchester November handicap which winds up the 1948 British flat racing season on November 20.—Associated Press.

The Tournament of Champions has expended big money on holding on to its control. The guarantees for the card at Roosevelt Stadium, New Jersey, on September 21 included \$50,000 each for Jersey Joe Walcott, Gus Lesnevich and Marcel Cerdan. Tony Zile received a guarantee of \$120,000.

To keep Joe Louis within its control the Tournament of Champions offered his manager, Marshall Miles, a cool \$50,000 to meet the winner of the Walcott-Lesnevich bout next June.

By staging the big double-attraction show in New Jersey, the T. of C. played into the hands of Abe J. Greene, Commissioner there and concurrently NBA President, having the political power in the boxing world to confirm the challenger's rating.

## TENNIS STARS' NARROW SHAVE

Sydney, Oct. 27.—The professional lawn tennis quartet of Jack Kramer and Bobby Riggs, of the United States, Pancho Segura, of Ecuador, and Dany Falis, of Australia, had a miraculous escape today when their car skidded near Gunnedah, New South Wales, and twice overturned.

The car was badly damaged, but the occupants, who are touring Australia, escaped with shock and scratches.—Reuter.

## RUGGER RESULTS

London, Oct. 28.—The Australian Tourists beat Leeds 15-3 in a Rugby League game.  
Rugby Union results were Surrey beat Sussex 34-0, Oxford University beat Leicester 15-3.—Reuter.



# FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"When your uncle came he said he was going to spend a week with us—I wonder if he's got it mixed up with month or year!"

## LESSON HAND

Here's Fine Point  
In Blackwood Bid

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

TODAY'S lesson hand is taken from Florence Osborn's new book entitled "How's Your Bridge Game?", published by Whitteley House of New York. This hand is No. 23 in the book, and it brings out a fine defensive point concerning Blackwood bidding.

You will note that in the second round of bidding, North bids four trumps, and South responds with five diamonds. This is a Blackwood response, showing only one ace. When North signs off with five spades, it can be assumed that he

♠ 74	♥ 10865	♦ 92	♣ 104
♠ A866	♥ J3	♦ KQJ	♣ 104
♠ 1087	♥ KJ97	♦ 552	♣ 104
♠ 854	♥ 102	♦ AKQ3	♣ 104

Lesson hand—Neither vul.  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass  
Opening—♥ Q 12

too holds only one ace and is afraid of the slam.

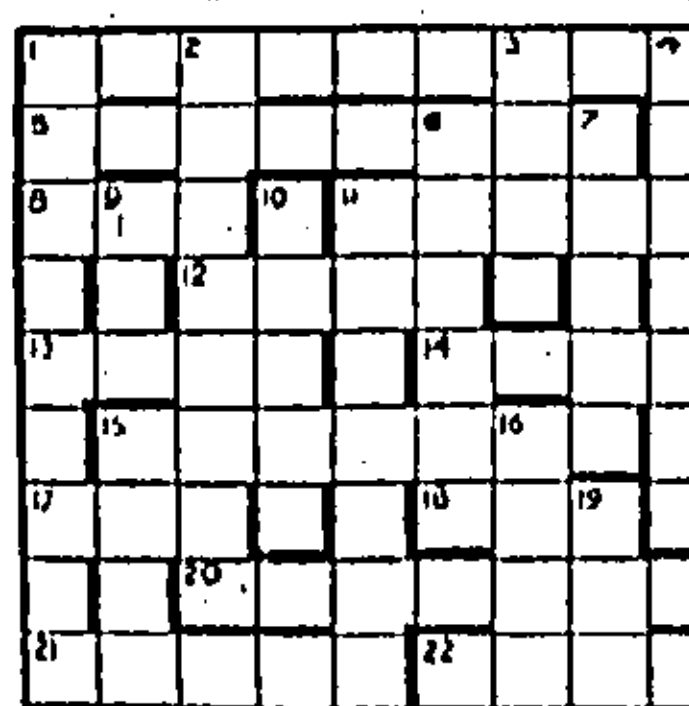
East opens the queen of hearts and declarer plays low from dummy. What should West do?

First of all, West has five hearts, and there are three in the dummy. Assuming that East has opened from a four-card suit, there would be only one heart in declarer's hand.

Furthermore, Miss Osborn points out, North has more or less indicated that he has only one ace by signing off with five spades. That ace should be the spade ace, which would leave East with the ace of clubs. If East happens to hold the ace-queen of clubs, West's correct play at trick one is to go up with ace of hearts and shift to the eight of clubs.

This defence immediately defeats the five-spade contract, as East cashes two club tricks.

## CROSSWORD



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## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

BORN today, your life will never be dull. You go all out in any new idea, even if you are not the originator. Fortunately, however, you have an excellent sense of discrimination and are able to distinguish good from bad; practical from impractical; and good-paying from poor-paying. In other words, you are not in the market for phony plans, but will foster anything which is sound, even if untried.

Because of your keen imagination, you are highly emotional and if you learn to put these two qualities to work for you, constructively, you can amount to something important in the creative arts. In addition, you are a born salesman and learn to know how to approach those whose backing you need to come.

merchandise a new invention or idea. You can never be happy working for others, if you are caught in some dull, routine position, get out of it at once or you may lose an important opportunity which can be yours if you go in search of it. Cultivate your mind to meet its highest potentials and you will be very successful.

You have a gentle, sympathetic disposition and are loving and affectionate. You never fail to give help to those in need. But learn to judge whether assistance is justified before making personal sacrifices.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—An unexpected romance may bring pleasure into your life. Postpone a journey if it is possible to do so. Be thrifty, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—All is well for romance but when it comes to matters of business and finance, go ahead cautiously.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Routine is best when it comes to business. In romance and marriage, however, the fates are smiling in your direction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Postpone important decisions. Your personal life will show improvement through conscientious effort. Not too good a day, however.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Stick to familiar tasks and avoid making any important change. Your best judgment is needed in all matters.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Minor difficulties may arise, but with care, you may avert them. A new friend may become important to your future.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Confidence in your own efforts will prove rewarding. What you want is easily accomplished if you are diligent.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Let reason control your emotions. Jumping to conclusions will only complicate an already difficult situation. Think before you act.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Keep strictly to routine when it comes to business. In romance and marriage, however, the fates are smiling in your direction.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Keep close to your home and friends this day. Make no unexpected move; be thrifty in any expenditure; avoid abrupt changes, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—An active day, but not a reliable one. Thoughtfulness and impulsive action can only lead to distress. Be cautious.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Deftly a poor day. Moderation in all your efforts is indicated if you are to avoid real trouble. Postpone a journey.

## RECORDED MUSIC:

## A COLLECTION OF GOOD VOCAL OFFERINGS

By ROBERT TREDINNICK

THIS is a month of vocal records. Some of them are very good; others are so bad that I wonder how they came to be issued.

Of the good records I comment two made by Ljuba Welitsch, who in the year class has been singing here has established herself with a big public. She has chosen "Tatiana's Letter Scene" from Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin." The Philharmonia Orchestra, conducted by Walter Susskind do a first-rate job in accompanying the singer. (Columbia LX 1108-9).

In April I praised the first recordings of a young Sicilian tenor, Giuseppe Di Stefano. I commended him again for his effortless singing of "Adieu Mignon," and "Wilhelm's Romance" from Thomas's opera, "Mignon." The orchestral accompaniment, conducted by Alberto Erede, is all that it should be. (HMV DB. 6618).

Dennis Noble sings "Angels Guard Thee" and "Pans Angelicus" extremely well, accompanied by a quartet of strings and Herbert Dawson at the organ. (HMV B. 6662).

Artur Robinstein shows once again how imaginative a pianist he is, playing Poulenc's "Napoli Suite." The "Capriccio Italiano" is delightful. (HMV DB. 6614).

The City of Birmingham Orchestra, conducted by George Weldon, make a well worth while recording of Jarnett's "Praeludium" and "Berceuse." (Columbia DB. 2445).

And I give full marks to the latest Peter Pears record, accompanied by Benjamin Britten, he sings Britten's arrangement of Purcell's "The Queen's Epitaph." Here is an example of perfect team work. (HMV DB. 6703).

Reginald Dixon plays six current hits in his "Melody Moments Number Four," arranged and played with his usual skill on the organ. (Columbia FB. 3428).

I enjoyed the first solo recording from Dolores Gray, star of "Annie Get Your Gun." She sings "The Night Has A Thousand Eyes" and "You Can't Be True, Dear." Her diction is excellent and her style thoroughly mature and polished. She is helped by an admirable accompaniment from Lew Stone. (Columbia DB. 2451).

## Radio Hongkong

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# EGYPTIAN ARMY'S BIG NEGEV DEFEAT

## Israeli Claim

Tel-Aviv, Oct. 27.—Operation "Ten Plagues"—the Jewish attack which opened the Negev in a week—broke the back of the Egyptian Army and air force, the Israeli General Staff Operations Chief declared today.

Colonel Yigal Yadin said that the whole first line of the Egyptian aircraft forces was destroyed. The Egyptian Navy's flagship was sunk and the best fighting troops of their army were either destroyed or scattered off in three pockets.

As a result he said Egypt would have to rebuild its whole military striking force before ever again being able to undertake an offensive in major strength.

This planned operation, which the Jewish General Staff called "Ten Plagues," cost Egypt 1,500 to 2,000 killed and captured alone.

## ONE-THIRD IMMOBILISED

These figures do not include troops still hemmed in the three pockets. Counting these more than one third of the original Egyptian force of 25,000 to 30,000 men are now out of action.

The coastal pocket from Isdud to Beit Hanan on the main road, five miles north of Gaza is closed to all directions, except the sea which is patrolled by Israeli warships, credited with the shelling and sinking of the flagship King Farouk in a night battle off Gaza.

From the "political" pocket from Beer Sheva through the Hebron Hills to Jerusalem, the only way out would be "an Abdullah corridor" which it is not yet known here that the Transjordan King would grant.

## AIR FORCE LOSSES

Col. Yadin said that as far as is known only three to five Egyptian planes have actually been shot out of the air. The rest were destroyed on the ground.

He declared that in the Negev operation the Israeli air force dropped "at least 50 times the tonnage of bombs dropped previously in raids on any capital."

Col. Yadin said that the heaviest casualties to the Egyptians were suffered by the crack 9th Battalion, "100 per cent wiped out." This was the first Egyptian Battalion to move on to Palestine soil—the battalion which made most of the heavy attacks on the Jewish settlements at Negev.

He described the Egyptian force as having been "strong, well equipped and with one third of its strength deployed from East of Gaza to the Jerusalem front."

He commented that the Israeli Army had been "fully prepared" to meet any relieving attacks on other fronts by other Arab armies, but observed that "none came." Associated Press.

## \$1,000,000 SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Washington, Oct. 27.—The United Electrical Workers' Trade Union, affiliated to the Congress of Industrial Organizations, is suing the Atomic Energy Commission for \$1,000,000 damages in a suit filed in the United States District Court here.

The suit is based on the Commission's order banning the Union from representing workers in the atomic plants at Schenectady, New York, which the General Electric Company is operating for the Commission.

The Commission has stated that its order affecting the Union was issued for security reasons.

In a letter to the Union on Saturday, the Commission's Chairman, David Lilienthal, said the Union would be ousted as representative in other atomic plants unless its officers took oaths under the Taft-Hartley Act that they are not members of or affiliated with the Communist Party.—Reuter.

## Lewis Wants Truman To Intervene In French Coalminers Dispute

Washington, Oct. 27.—Mr John L. Lewis, suggested today that President Truman use the threat of ending recovery aid to force the French Government "to cease making war on its own citizens who are coal miners."

Mr Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers Union, made the suggestion in a letter to the AFL President, Mr William Green.

Mr Lewis wrote: "You are supporting President Truman. I assume you have his ear. Just as one miner to another why do you not have him halt the shooting of French coal miners who are hungry?"

Mr Lewis said that President Truman "controls the money bags of the Marshall Plan upon which the tottering French Government subsists."

He added: "President Truman could aid humanity, and perhaps to do himself a good turn by using some of the vast power in his hands to control of the Marshall fund by requiring the French Government to abandon its police state methods and cease making war on its own citizens who are coal miners at the exercise of the American taxpayers."

## Russians Building Up A Formidable German Military Police Force

Berlin, Oct. 27.—The British Military Governor, Sir Brian Robertson, said here today that the Russians were organising in their Zone a police force of a "distinctly military character" totalling 200,000 men with "formidable armament."

He did not think this compatible with the Potsdam Agreement but he would not protest and "we do not intend to match this policy in the Western Zones."

"I do not know why a police force should require mortars, heavy machine guns and armoured cars, if these things are indeed being prepared—as has been reported," he told a press conference.

While immediate plans were for 200,000 men, he said "plenty of reports indicate the final figure is double that."

Later, General Robertson said this estimate included not only military police, industrial police and other units without special armaments.

Referring to the Soviet veto in the Security Council on Monday, General Robertson said: "This is unlikely to have any influence on policy on the Military Governors' level unless I get fresh instructions which I do not expect."

## WAR PROSPECTS

Asked whether he thought there would be a war, General Robertson said: "I do not commit myself on such questions but I think war is improbable in the next few months."

Questions on reports that the Russians planned to withdraw their troops from the Soviet Zone, General Robertson said: "In principle the withdrawal of all occupation troops may well be the only means of resolving the difficulties caused by the Allied disagreement."

"Before adopting such a solution, one must know, however, that the Germans would be really free and not in a position to fall victims to a minority which might be able to impose its will on them."

General Robertson rejected the thought that trade between the Eastern and Western parts of Berlin might now be blocked by Western decree. "I still regard Berlin as one city and will do nothing to prevent trade flowing from one part of the city to another," he said.

Backing the authenticity of recent widespread reports of the formation of a huge military police force in the Russian Zone, General Robertson said: "The information I have got on this subject does not differ a great deal from what has appeared in various corners of the press."

"It is evident that immediate plans are being made to produce a special police force of 200,000 men in the Eastern Zones and plenty of reports indicate the final figure is double that. Its organisation and armament is unusual for a police force. The organisation is of a distinctly military character and its armament is formidable."

General Robertson said that no date limit had been fixed for the completion of a Western German occupation statute. "We are now realising that there is a great urgency about the matter."

General Robertson said on the "best available estimates," the

earliest possible date for a Western German Government was January.

He added that he would discuss the statute with the American and French Military Governors next Saturday when he hoped that an agreement would be reached.

## INFORMATIVE DOCUMENT

Numerous drafts had already been jointly prepared and discarded, he indicated. "I am aiming to make it a document which will show the Germans as clearly as possible exactly where they stand," he said.

"It should show not only what powers are reserved to the Military Government but also how they will use those powers and what rules they will make in the exercise of them."

He added that there had been some further discussions on Western Germany "in order that we may be able to instruct the Germans what to do when they get their own Government."

Other points made by General Robertson were:

Tourist: "I am not opposed to tourists visiting the British Zone of Germany but I should not like to encourage them until the German economy is in a position to give them an enjoyable visit."

The problem is still being studied and I hope that we shall find a partial solution soon."

South Schleswig: "The recent elections in South Schleswig will not influence our attitude to the Danish minority there in any way. We have always been anxious to see the Danish minority and the Germans living in harmony."—Reuter.

## Ship Charters Extended

Washington, Oct. 27.—The United States Maritime Commission has extended all existing ship charters until December 31 and has postponed the changes in its chartering policy which were announced last month.

These would have barred the chartering of any ships to lines which did not own vessels and to lines with close foreign affiliations.

The Commission's spokesman said the postponement had been made to give both the shipping lines and the agents time to prepare for the switch.—Reuter.

## Another Divorce For Doris Duke

Reno, Nevada, Oct. 27.—Doris Duke of the tobacco fortune was awarded a divorce yesterday from Forthio Rubirosa, Dominican Republic diplomat, on her plea of extreme mental cruelty.

Rubirosa did not contest the suit. Miss Duke, known as the world's richest heiress, married Rubirosa in Paris on September 11, 1947.—Associated Press.

## N.Y. BUS STRIKE NEARLY OVER

New York, Oct. 27.—The biggest bus strike in New York's history passed the peak of its impact on the city's 3,500,000 travellers today with many of the 8,500 strikers returning to work.

Some of the workers refused to head back to work under a "go to work" order yesterday and a few hours after the strike began—and a struggle for power between left and right wing members of the union was beginning.—Reuter.

## Mr Marshall Sees Pope



Pope Pius XII, (right) talks with Secretary of State George C. Marshall during an audience at Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer residence. Informants said the 30-minute audience was a "long and cordial one, touching upon matters of interest to the peace of the world and the welfare of mankind."—AP Picture.

## The Man Who Blitzed London Is Set Free

Nuremberg, Oct. 27.—The man who blitzed London was acquitted on Wednesday of war crimes.

A three-man American court ordered that Field Marshal Hugh Spauld, 62, who commanded the German air fleet which bombed the British capital in 1940 be set free. The tribunal, winding up a nine-month trial, acquitted Spauld and 12 others of plotting to launch the second world war.

It cleared Spauld of all charges in a four count indictment but convicted Field Marshal Wilhelm Von Leeb of crimes against civilians. Spauld first gained fame as commander of the "Condor Legion" in the Spanish civil war.

## NOT POLICY MAKERS

Von Leeb was accused of being active in Hitler's early plans for the invasion of Czechoslovakia, Poland, the low countries and France.

The court acquitted all 13 of the defendants of plotting aggressive war on the grounds that they were not policy makers.

This was the first count of the indictment. The tribunal struck out a conspiracy count against all of them and proceeded to pass judgment on charges of war crimes against prisoners and civilians.

By late afternoon it had handed down complete decisions only in the cases of Von Leeb and Spauld. The reading of the 350-page judgment was expected to take two days.—Associated Press.

## SWEDISH SINGER BANNED

Hamburg, Oct. 27.—The British authorities had refused an entry permit to Germany to the Swedish singer and film actress Zarah Leander for security reasons, the German news agency, DPD, said today.

She was to have appeared on November 4 and 5 in the Hamburg Music-Hall and a concert tour was to have followed. In May, the Belgian Ministry of Labour withdrew a labour permit from Zarah Leander preventing her from appearing at a concert.

The action was taken after the National Confederation of former political prisoners had protested that she was pro-Nazi during the war.—Reuter.

## WESTERN POWERS' POLICY IN GREECE ASSAILED

Paris, Oct. 27.—Yugoslavia's Deputy Foreign Minister Alex Bebler assailed the Western Powers' policy in Greece as "one more step forward on the road which can but lead them to moral bankruptcy" in a two and a half hour tirade before the United Nations today.

Bebler launched his attack after the Soviet Bloc failed in another attempt before the UN Political Committee to invite a representative of Markos Vafades, Communist rebel leader in Greece, to discuss the Greek situation. The proposal, submitted by Poland, was defeated 45 to 6 with two abstentions.

Bebler told the Committee accusations against Greece's Northern neighbours for aiding the guerrillas "lacked all serious character."

The Yugoslav delegate declared that the Western Powers, by raising the Greek issue, were only trying to force the UN to "take one more step forward on the road which can but lead them to moral bankruptcy."

## "EXPANSIONIST" POLICY

Bebler said the United States was only aiding the Greek government because the "eye of the strategists of the U.S. expansionist policy for world domination fell upon Greece as an important base and position in the Mediterranean in front of the Suez and the Dardanelles on the doorstep of the young peoples' democracies and on the approaches to the USSR."

The European Reconstruction programme, he charged, was designed to permit industrialists to take over the economy of Greece and other participating countries.

Bebler had bitter words for Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet, Chief of the American Military Mission to Greece.

"This American General is today well known to the whole world, owing to his notorious brutal slogan—capture and kill."

## U.S. RESOLUTION

Bebler's tirade apparently was inspired by a Four Power resolution put to the Committee on Tuesday by American delegate, Mr. John Foster Dulles, to renew the United Nations Balkan Commission for another year.

The U.S. Republican Party Foreign Affairs Adviser, who flayed Communist efforts to dominate the world, was supported in the resolution by France, Britain and China.

The Committee is considering the UNSCOP report accusing Greece's Northern neighbours, including Yugoslavia, of aiding Communist rebels in Greece.

The resolution calls on Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria to desist from aiding the rebels.—Associated Press.

## CHANGES IN COMMAND

Athens, Oct. 27.—The Commander of the Greek Second Division, whose units lost Mounts Plati and Koula to the Rebels last week, has been removed and other changes made in lesser posts of the Division.

Lieutenant-General Nicholas Papandreu has been superseded by Brigadier Nicholas Papadopoulos, Commander of the Greek Third Mountain Brigade which fought at Rimini, Italy, it was learned from an authoritative source.

Several other new officers have been assigned to the Division in an effort to strengthen the North Eastern flank of the semi-circular front around the Vitsi triangle.

Military observers at the front said there had been dissatisfaction for some time with the Second Division's showing. The commander change is expected to strengthen the Vitsi forces when a full scale offensive is launched against General Markos.

The Supreme Defence Council composed of the Prime Minister, Ministers of War, Air and Navy, the Chiefs of Staff and the Heads of the American and British Mission are to meet on Saturday to discuss the possibility of naming a C-in-C for the Army.

The government is expected to bring back into action General Alexander Papadopoulos, hero of the Albanian war now serving as Court Chamberlain. The Chief of Staff.

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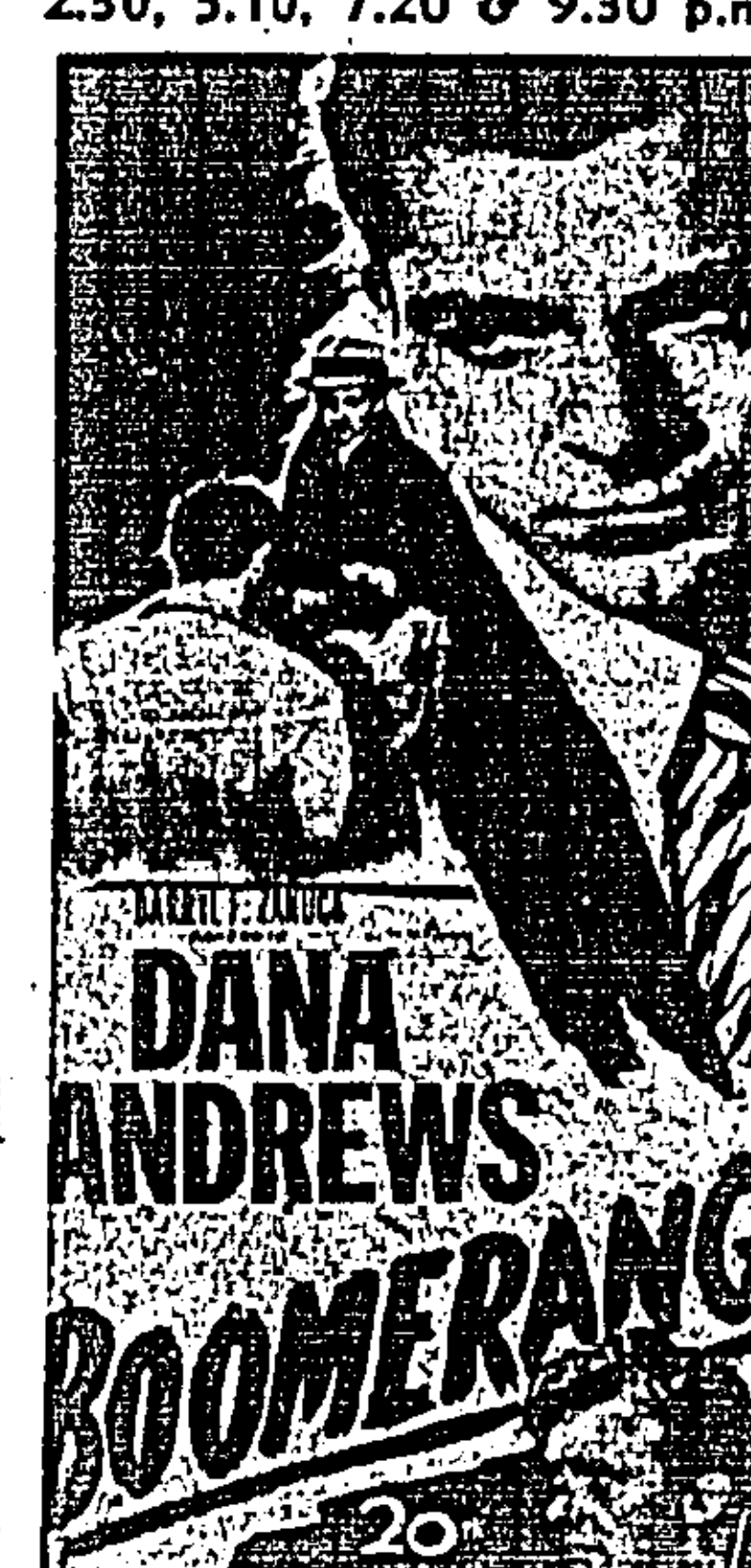
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